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Police allege McGuinty aide's spouse was paid to delete information

The spouse of Dalton McGuinty's deputy chief of staff was paid \$10,000 to wipe computer hard drives in the premier's office, Ontario Provincial Police allege.

That development is in 131 pages of documents used to obtain and execute a search warrant last month at 222 Jarvis St., home to the provincial government's cyber security branch, as part of the investigation of deleted emails in the gas plants scandal.

Torstar News Service went to court to have the documents unsealed.

Det.-Const. Andre Duval of the OPP wrote in his warrant application that Peter Faist, a computer expert, "was asked by his spouse, Ms. Laura Miller, to wipe off personal data on approximately 20 desktop computers in the Premier's office."

Miller was McGuinty's deputy chief of staff and worked under the premier's former

chief, David Livingston, who is being investigated by the OPP for alleged breach of trust for providing Faist with a password that gave him access to the computers.

No charges have been laid and nothing has been proven in court. Livingston has insisted he has done nothing wrong. Faist's lawyer said earlier this year his client "has done absolutely nothing wrong."

There's no explanation in the documents as to why the Liberal caucus would pay a private contractor — who is not a government employee — to delete information on government computers.

No one from the Liberal caucus was immediately available to comment.

Auditor general Bonnie Lysyk has estimated McGuinty's decision to scrap gas-fired power plants in Oakville and Mississauga before the 2011 Ontario election to save five Liberal-held ridings could cost taxpayers as much as to \$1.1 billion over 20 years.

McGuinty is not subject of a police investigation — neither are Faist and Miller, who now live in Vancouver.

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Police allege Peter Faist was paid \$10,000 to wipe computer hard drives in the premier's office. DALE BRAZAO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Rockcliffe Park. Man attacks, robs 101-year-old WWII vet

A man attacked a 101-year-old war veteran in his own home and robbed him Thursday morning.

CBC News reported the victim in the incident is 101-year-old Ernest Côté, a retired Second World War lieutenant colonel. Côté, who fought in Normandy on D-Day, received the Legion of Honour Award from the Ambassador of France in 2004 and was uninjured in the incident.

Around 7:30 a.m., Côté was alone in his apartment in a residential building located on Durham Private in Rockcliffe Park when a man buzzed in at the reception door identifying himself as a City of Ottawa employee. Côté buzzed him in, and when he arrived he demanded money. When Côté declined, the thief forced his way in and tied up Côté, searching the apartment before leaving with some of Côté's belongings, police said.

Once the invader left, Côté freed himself and called police.

The suspect is described as white, about 50, with a prominent nose, short grey hair and possibly glasses. Police are asking anyone with any information to contact them by calling 613-236-1222 ext. 5116.

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Police are asking for help identifying this man. COURTESY OTTAWA POLICE



Sughra Saifuddin signs a book of condolences on Thursday at the Pakistani High Commission in Ottawa following Tuesday's terror attack at a military school in Peshawar, Pakistan, that killed 148 people. JOE LOFARO/METRO

‘It’s inhumane; it’s senseless murders’

Taliban massacre.
Ottawa’s Pakistani community, members of the public come out to condemn atrocity

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As the faces of recently slaughtered young boys stared back at her from photos, Sughra Saifuddin sat down and signed a book of condolences at the Pakistani High Commission in

Ottawa on Thursday.

Members of the public and local diplomats paid their respects and offered their sympathy following a Taliban-led massacre at a military school in the city of Peshawar, Pakistan, on Tuesday evening that killed 148 people, most of them children.

“It’s inhumane; it’s senseless murders. It is beyond imagination that something like that can happen,” said Saifuddin, who came to Canada 30 years ago but still has many relatives in nearby Abbottabad who also run a school for kids as young as five years old.

The terror attack, which has devastated the whole country, has Saifuddin’s relatives worried about their students’ safety.

Even though she and her family were far from danger, the horrific images in her mind have kept her awake for the past two nights, she said.

“Life is a treasure and it should be treated as a treasure. It should not be taken in an individuals’ hands. It’s scary, just killing innocent people,” she said through tears.

Saifuddin said she doesn’t think the Pakistani government is doing enough to fight

extremists in the country and believes the government should rely less on foreign help.

Heather Harrison visited Peshawar for about three weeks in 1981, and wanted to show her support by signing the book of condolences.

“It’s just tragic,” said Harrison. “I’m just hoping that by people coming, it will show the Pakistani people that there are people who are very sad about what happened and help them get through their grief.”

The Pakistani community also held a candlelight vigil at City Hall Thursday evening.

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Smiths Falls backs injured star



Smiths Falls Bears forward Neil Doef, seen here in a file photo from last season, is in hospital after being seriously injured in a hockey game in Kindersley, Sask.

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Neil Doef. After young hockey star reportedly suffers severed vertebra, community rallies to help 'one of our own'



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He was the leading scorer on the Smiths Falls Bears Junior 'A' hockey team, had a full-ride scholarship to Princeton University and made it onto the NHL Central Scouting list this week.

"That all talks to his hockey ability, but it's nothing compared to Neil as a young man," said Bears' assistant coach Walter Dubas. "He is a very intelligent, humble person that we are very proud to have coached and proud to call our own. He is one of the best kids you would want to meet."

But a collision and an awkward crash into the boards during the 2014 World Junior A Challenge in Kindersley, Sask., has left Neil Doef's dreams in limbo.

Hockey Canada wouldn't confirm if Doef suffered a severed vertebra in the collision Saturday with a Swiss defenceman, saying only that "Neil underwent surgery on Sunday night, and is resting comfortably" with his parents Bruce and Bobbi-Jean in a Saskatoon hospital.

Meanwhile, back at home, friends and family are rallying around the Smiths Falls hockey star with online fundraisers and Facebook support pages.

Family friend Trish Krot-

ki set up a Do it for Doef campaign on Fundrazr.com that brought in close to \$5,000 after just 24 hours. Friends of the injured sniper are also staging a Buckets of Love fundraiser at Friday's home game — the first game in Smith Falls since Doef's injury — to raise money for the family. They have also set up a trust fund set up at any Scotiabank branch.

Donations can be made to the account "Doefstrong in trust." Email transfers are also accepted at doefstrong@gmail.com.

"Whenever something happens in the community to one of our own, Smiths Falls seems to really pull together," added Krotki, also the founder of community organization Discover Smith Falls. "I am just overwhelmed at how many efforts are going on out there. It's just heartbreaking."

The response is not surprising to Dubas. For a town of 9,000 — everybody from grandparents to the young hockey players who "want to grow up to be a Smiths Falls Bear," are rocked by the tragedy.

"In this community, the bears are the Senators to the Ottawa kids," said Dubas. "(Neil) is just a fantastic kid. It's hard not to look up to him."

The Bears took to the ice Wednesday night against the Kemptville 67's, but didn't fare so well without their star player who has notched 16 goals and 45 points in 34 games — losing 9-3.

"We are struggling along, but we are trying to get through it," added Dubas.

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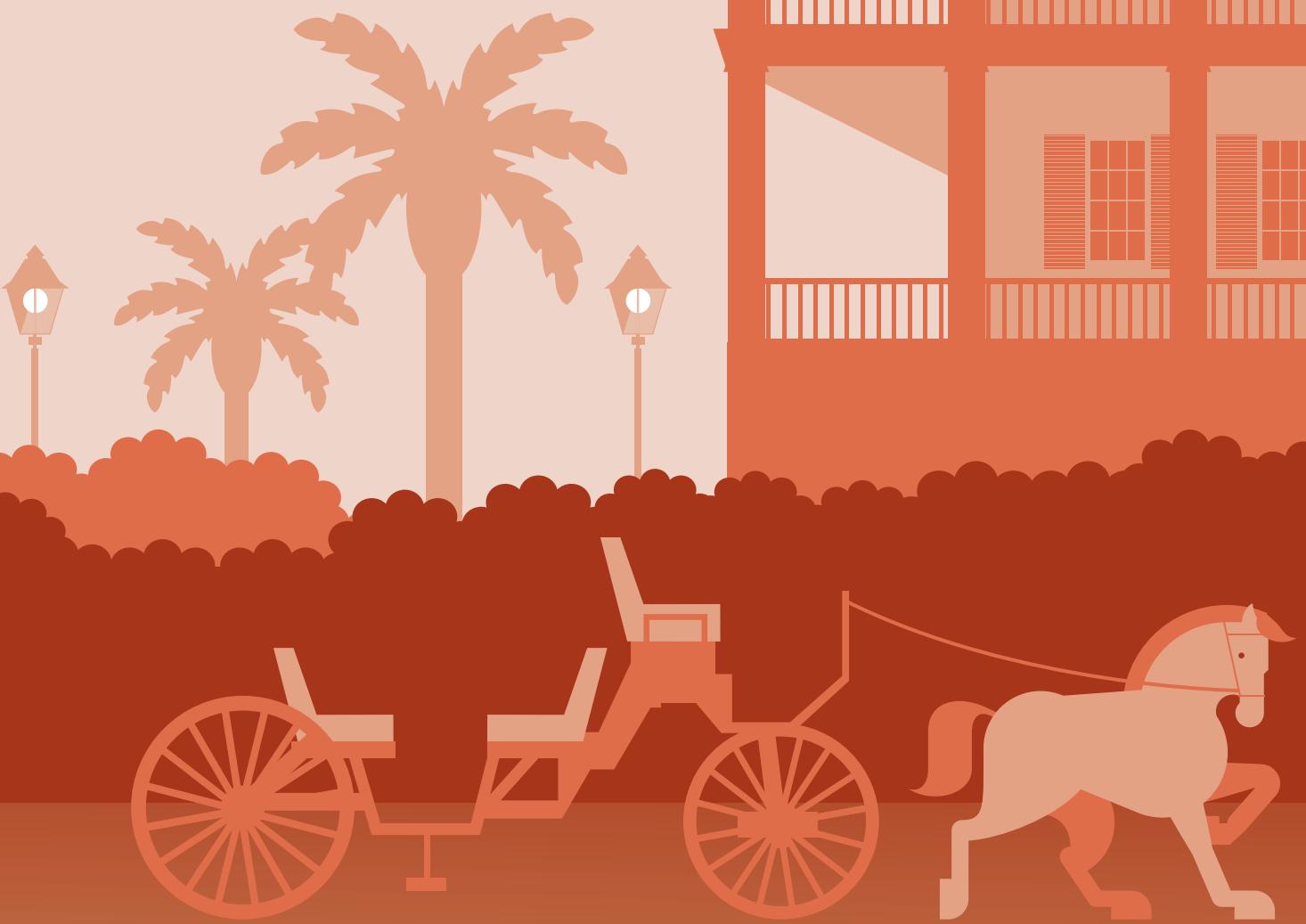
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George Escher talks about a self-portrait of his father, artist M.C. Escher, on display at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa on Thursday, during a media preview of M.C. Escher: The Mathemagician. The show is on view from Saturday till May 3, 2015. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

National Gallery shows Escher's graphic magic

Dutch artist. Mind-bending images on display in rare exhibit

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You observe his art in one way, tilt your head and see it differently.

In M.C. Escher's work, people climb stairways on ceilings and walls. Pillars impossibly connect the front of a building to the back. Birds at the top of a print interlock with and melt into fish at the bottom.

The Dutch artist's illusions feel like a magical mind bend. Yet his mathematical art follows logic. The two seemingly contradictory truths about Escher's work play out in a rarely seen exhibit of his prints at the National Gallery of Canada that opens to the public on Saturday.

The exhibit of 54 fragile prints includes samples spanning his entire artistic



A close-up of M.C. Escher's self-portrait, Hand with Reflecting Sphere. COURTESY NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA

career — from the interlocking designs of one of his earliest works, Eight Heads, to the landscapes of Italy, mathematics and his impossible architectural creations.

"You see a lot of Escher's works reproduced in mathematical guidebooks," said Sonia Del Re, an associate

Quoted

"So let us then try to climb the mountain, not by stepping on what is below us, but to pull us up at what is above us, for my part at the stars; amen."

M.C. Escher

curator at the gallery. "However, his work was so popular in the '60s and even later that it really became an important part of visual culture and of popular culture," she said, pointing to references in Christopher Nolan's films, Inception and Interstellar.

"They are works that appeal to a very wide public because they're about imagination, impossibilities and contrast," she said.

"And I think that really comes and draws out the kid in us."

Escher plays with perception in another trademark self-portrait, Hand with Reflecting Sphere, which shows the artist as reflected in a ball, with his studio in the background.

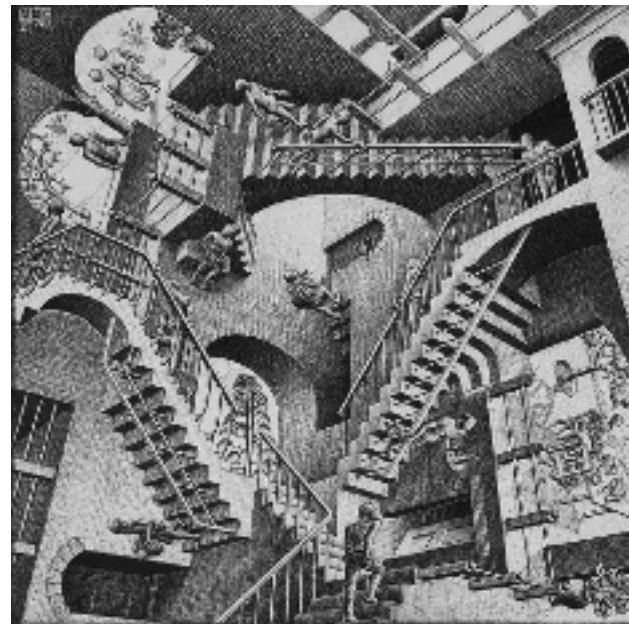
One of Escher's sons, George, said he remembers

that studio, and his father taking him and his brother around Rome to observe buildings, streets and ruins.

"He was really a practical man without any fancy ideas or anything like that," he said. "He was very observant. When he looked at something, he looked at it very properly and he taught us if you have to see something properly, you have to draw it."

Now 88 years old and living in Stittsville, George Escher said he was faced with a pile of more than 200 prints and decided to donate them to the gallery. This latest display is part of a travelling exhibit.

M.C. Escher: The Mathemagician, will be on display at the National Gallery of Canada until May 3, 2015.



A 1953 lithograph entitled Relativity. COURTESY NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA

Did you know?

- Maurits Cornelis Escher (1898-1972) was first and foremost a printmaker, but also worked as a draftsman, book illustrator, tapestry-pattern designer and muralist.
- His career spanned from 1919 to 1969.
- He produced 448 prints and more than 2,000 drawings and sketches.

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Don't worry parents: Ottawa musical 'Freezing' is not a rehash of 'Frozen'

On stage. It's a spoof, and one that will make you and your youngsters giggle and shout

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Parents sick of watching Disney's Frozen needn't dread taking kids to the latest holiday musical at the Gladstone Theatre.

Freezing stars two princesses in a wintry setting, but it's only "slightly inspired by" the popular film, according to the show's co-producer.

"It's sort of as far from Frozen as Frozen was from the Snow Queen," said co-producer Sarah Cassidy, referring to the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale.

Instead, Freezing stars



Queen Gerda, played by Gab Desmond, is oblivious to the snow monster in this scene from Freezing. The musical is at the Gladstone Theatre until Jan. 4.
LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Queen Gerda (Gab Desmond) and her daughters Princess Adele (Jessica Vandenberg) and Princess

Hanna (Esther Vallins). They rule the Snow Globe Kingdom, but evil Hans (Will Lamond) is trying to get rid

of winter and turn the place into a year-round summer-like resort. Ottawa's own Chad Connell also stars as a character named Krisco.

Being a pantomime production, kids are encouraged to yell, boo, cheer and sing along.

But there are jokes for grown-ups too, including a few funny Ottawa-specific references.

"It literally is for all ages, right from babies in arms to great grandma, there's something in it for everybody," said Cassidy.

Freezing runs at the Gladstone Theatre until Jan. 4.

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Special-needs school closer to getting new playground

Students and staff at Clifford Bowey School are waiting on pins and needles to find out whether or not they will get a whopping \$100,000 toward a new special-needs playground.

The school project has made it into the finals of the Aviva Community Fund competition and there is nothing left they can do but wait as judges deliberate on the close to 30 projects left standing.

"We are just anxiously waiting," said parent volunteer Francoise Slaunwhite. "We did everything we could and now we are hoping the judges will see what we are trying to do."

The specialized playground will boast a rubberized surface, access ramps and new structures for the 104 special-needs students at the school.

Slaunwhite is already holding back tears for the day she gets to see her five-year-old daughter Nathalie, who has global developmental delay and mobility issues, play on the structure without barriers.

"For her to have this



Students at Clifford Bowey School hope to pull in \$100,000 for a new playground that will cater to their special needs. CONTRIBUTED

playground that is accessible and meets her needs, which no other playground in town does, will be amazing," said Slaunwhite.

"The rubberized surface is safer for her, and there is no sand that she is going to put in her mouth and she will be able to focus on the actual play structures and use it the way all kids normally do."

"The playground is the main place where our kids

learn growth motor skills, fine motor and also social skills."

The project has a price tag of \$210,000 and although the school has already raised close to \$100,000, if it doesn't win the grand prize in the Aviva competition, it will be "years" until the school gets a new playground.

Judges will announce the winners on Jan. 27.

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New users at the Ottawa Food Bank have increased by 34 per cent in 2014 compared to 2013.

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Ottawa Food Bank new users up by 34 per cent

Hard times.

Higher food prices pressuring families, says food bank chief



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More new people are turning to the Ottawa Food Bank compared to last year, yet donations are down slightly this holiday season.

The number of new users accessing the service shot up by 34 per cent, with the overall number of users up by about five per cent.

Michael Maidment, executive director of the Ottawa Food Bank, points to the rising cost of food, which he says is putting pressure on families in the area. Every month, on average, the food bank helps a little more than 51,000 people.

Maidment said the ware-

house is "looking fairly empty right now," although he admits it's not a drastic decline in donations.

"The need is consistent every single month, so it's certainly not just this time of year," he said. "This is the time of year when everybody thinks about donating to charities, and we're fortunate enough to be one of those charities."

In fact, the need is usually greater after the holiday season, when the Christmas bills catch up on top of heating costs, he said.

The Ottawa Food Bank accepts both cash and canned-food donations as well as extra diapers. The organization

is also pushing the fact that for every dollar obtained, they turn it into five dollars toward food purchases.

Every year, the Ottawa Food Bank spends about \$1.3 million on fresh foods like eggs, milk, meats, fruits and vegetables.

The Stittsville Food Bank is smaller, with about \$45,000 budgeted for fresh food annually. Donations are about on par this year, according to chairwoman Theresa Qadri.

So far, the Stittsville Food Bank has served over 107 families.

"We can provide healthy food for people, and the more that we have, the more we can give," she said.

The season for giving

"This is the time of year when everybody thinks about donating to charities, and we're fortunate enough to be one of those charities."

Michael Maidment, executive director of the Ottawa Food Bank, which feeds more than 51,000 people per month

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Ottawa Hospital's nativity scene to stay for Christmas after all

The Ottawa Hospital has reversed a decision to pull their traditional nativity scene from the lobby of the General campus for the Christmas season even though they were reportedly deluged with complaints for years.

The hospital declined an interview Thursday afternoon and instead issued a

statement.

"The decision to no longer display the nativity scene at the General Campus of The Ottawa Hospital was made in the spirit of inclusion and the hopes of creating a welcoming atmosphere for all," the statement said.

Spokeswoman Hazel Harding went on to write, "The hospital leadership has lis-

tened to the concerns of both our community and staff and, after careful and thoughtful consideration, have decided to display the nativity scene."

Harding said the nativity scene could be returned to the lobby as early as Friday but couldn't confirm an exact time.

JOE LOFARO/METRO



The Ottawa Hospital General Campus. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Prof: RCMP on right path vs. radicalization

Countering Violent Extremism (CVE).

Community support may make new program more effective



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A Carleton University professor says the RCMP's new program to prevent violent radicalization in Canada has "a lot of potential" to be effective — partly because of support that already exists in the community.

Marc W.D. Tyrrell, senior research fellow at the Canadian Centre of Intelligence and Security Studies at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, said the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) program has a better chance at being successful than similar programs launched in other countries.

The RCMP told Metro in an email it expects to roll out the CVE program in the winter of 2015 and that front-line law-enforcement officers have already received specialized training.

"The aim of the RCMP CVE program is to act before criminality occurs and to educate partners about the resources that are available to assist individuals at risk of being radicalized to violence," wrote RCMP spokesman Sgt. Greg Cox.

When an intervention is required, the RCMP said it would identify support resources from either law enforcement, community partners or families to ensure the radicalized

person is "exposed to a positive influence."

This is key for the program to work well because police can't do it themselves, said Tyrrell.

Recently, progressive Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at groups across Canada launched their own anti-radicalization programs aimed at local youth. In Ottawa, Imam Imtiaz Ahmed has been holding talks at universities about how Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants' philosophies are the farthest things from Islamic teachings.

"(That) can be exceedingly effective. Is this a complement to (CVE)? Yeah, it is. The idea of actually teaching people what Islam is, teaching them the Qur'an," he said.

The RCMP said radicalization is not limited to any ethnic or religious group and that the CVE program does not focus on specific communities based on their ethnic background or religious faith.

Family members and peers are the ones most likely to notice behavioural changes that can lead to radicalization, according to Cox. They include "withdrawal from regular social interactions (e.g.: friends, clubs, sports, school, etc.), isolation, espousing hatred or violence, segregation and talking about 'us' vs. 'them' mentality."

Cox said it's often the case that parents of known extremists from Canada said they had no idea what their kids were up to.

"This program may give them a place where they can ask questions," he said, "and at least get a better feel for it."



John Maguire, a radicalized ISIL fighter from Ottawa, in a video in which he warns Canada of more attacks and says the killings of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent were in response to Canada's role in Iraq.

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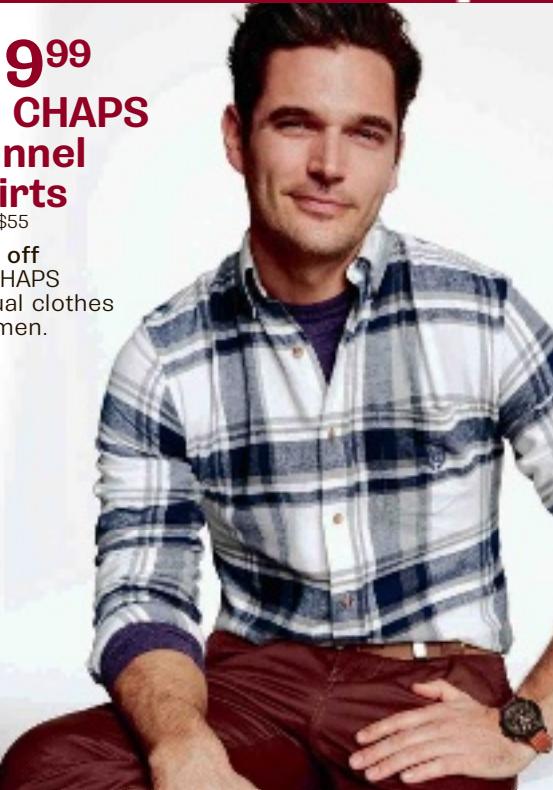
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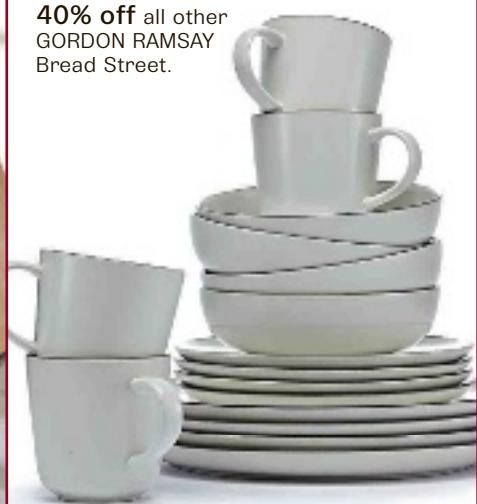
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June 2010. Woman gets 90-day sentence for fatal crash while helping ducks

A widow whose husband and daughter were killed when their motorcycle crashed into a woman's car as she helped ducks on a highway is satisfied with the accused's 90-day jail term.

Besides the detention, Emma Czornobaj must do 240 hours of community service and is prohibited from driving for 10 years.

She will serve the jail sentence on weekends.

After Czornobaj stopped her car in June 2010 to rescue ducklings on the side of the highway, the motorcycle carrying Andre Roy and his teenage daughter Jessie slammed into her vehicle. A jury convicted her of two counts of criminal negligence causing death and two counts of dangerous driving causing death.



Emma Czornobaj
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4,600 on organ wait lists. Just one-third of eligible donors donate: Report

While thousands of Canadians wait for transplants that could alter or save their lives, many potentially willing organ donors are never identified or don't make it through the complex donation process, says a report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information released Thursday.

"We know that each year, more than 500 Canadians who die in hospital donate their organs," said Kathleen Morris, director of health system analysis at CIHI. "What we found, using very conservative estimates, is that only about one-third

of people who are clinically eligible to donate an organ actually become a donor."

The report said there are untapped donors among deceased patients over age 60 and among those with irreversible brain damage who are declared dead after their heart stops — called donation after cardiocirculatory death, or DCD.

CIHI said there are more than 4,600 Canadians on waiting lists for an organ transplant, and hundreds on the lists die each year because no suitable donor organ becomes available.

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Backlogged

Fewer in-person hearings at social security tribunal

The government's critically backlogged social security tribunal has been working to reduce the number of in-person hearings for jobless, injured Canadians denied employment insurance or Canada Pension Plan disability benefits. But statistics show Canadians are more likely to successfully appeal when they meet face-to-face with tribunal members rather than having hearings held over the phone.

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Soliciting funds

Group fighting terrorist label can't raise funds for lawyer: Minister

An organization that was branded a terrorist group last spring has been denied permission by Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney to raise money to fight the move. The Canadian branch of the International Relief Fund for the Afflicted and Needy is asking the Federal Court of Canada to set aside Blaney's decision as unconstitutional and affirm its right to solicit funds to pay a lawyer. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A reporter talks on an iPhone after a news conference where Industry Minister James Moore spoke about licensing and the use of wireless spectrum on Thursday in Vancouver, B.C. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds confirm plans for wireless auction

Attracting more carriers. Forthcoming wireless auction will reserve much of new spectrum for carriers other than the Big Three

The federal government confirmed Thursday that a forthcoming wireless auction will reserve more than half of the new spectrum for carriers other than the Big Three.

Industry Minister James Moore released the details for the auction of AWS-3 spectrum, or advanced wireless services, which is scheduled to begin March 3. The final technical document largely mirrored what the government had already foreshadowed during

consultations. Most notably, 60 per cent of the available spectrum will be reserved for smaller carriers, while the remaining 40 per cent will be available to all applicants.

Moore lauded Canada's three major carriers for providing world-class service, but he said consumers need more competition.

"They (Bell, Rogers and Telus) are all some of the best wireless companies that exist anywhere on the globe," Moore said at an event in Vancouver.

"But while we put more spectrum in the marketplace than ever before, we have a coherent and consistent policy to ensure we reserve more capacity for more competition in the wireless marketplace, which of course will result in lower prices and a better quality of services for

Canadian consumers."

The government has been attempting to use its wireless auctions to foster competition, but new entrants have struggled and the three national carriers continue to represent 90 per cent of Canada's wireless customer base.

Moore confirmed the AWS-3 auction will maintain the same opening bid prices that were announced earlier this year. Industry Canada says it would raise \$162.45 million from the auction if it receives just the minimum bid for each parcel of wireless spectrum.

The minister also used Thursday's announcement to reveal other measures intended to increase capacity, including a contentious plan to allow mobile service on a band currently used by rural wireless Internet service. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Previous auction

Earlier this year, the government held an auction of prime 700 MHz spectrum, which raised \$5.27 billion.

- However, Rogers Communications, BCE Inc. and Telus bought the bulk of the licences, with regional players also making smaller acquisitions.
- Wind Mobile, which is attempting to position itself to become a fourth national carrier, could not secure funding.
- Wind's CEO has said the company's next step is to acquire more wireless spectrum.

Magnotta jury heads into fourth day's deliberations

Day 3 of jury deliberations at Luka Rocco Magnotta's murder trial came and went Thursday without a verdict.

The jurors will be back for a fourth day on Friday.

Magnotta is charged with first-degree murder and four other charges in the slaying and dismemberment of Chinese engineering student Jun Lin in May 2012.

The eight women and four

men began deliberating on Tuesday and have emerged just once because they wanted to know whether personality disorders are considered a mental disorder under law.

Quebec Superior Court Justice Guy Cournoyer told them Wednesday the answer to their question was yes.

Magnotta, 32, has pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder and is seeking to be

Mental disorder defense

Prosecutor Louis Bouthillier has argued the schizophrenia was a misdiagnosis and that his medical problems and behaviour are likely the result of personality disorders.

found not criminally responsible. His lawyer says he is

schizophrenic and couldn't tell right from wrong.

On the murder charge, the jury has four options: Find Magnotta guilty of first-degree murder, second-degree murder or manslaughter, or find him not criminally responsible. The judge told the jurors Monday that if they find the accused not criminally responsible, that verdict must be the same for all five charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. incentive plan may alter economics of Ebola vaccines

Dangling a carrot.

Pharmaceutical companies now eligible for priority review

Earlier this week, U.S. President Barack Obama signed into law a piece of legislation that may significantly change the economics of making drugs or vaccines to protect against Ebola and other viruses in its deadly family.

And it might at some point provide a windfall for Merck, the company now developing an Ebola vaccine designed at Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

The bill — S.2917, also known as Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act — dangles a sizable carrot meant to entice pharmaceutical companies to develop vaccines and ther-

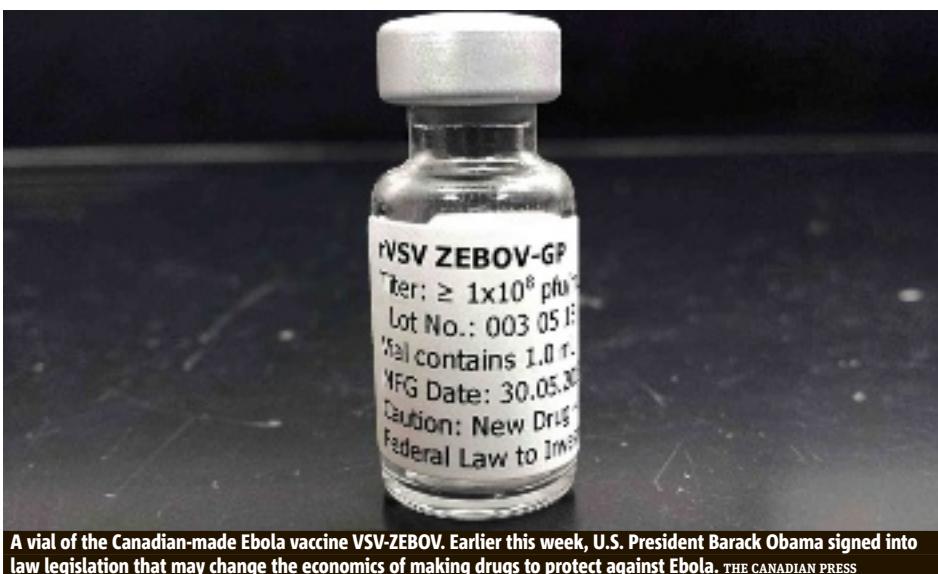
apies to prevent or cure infection with the virus and other related pathogens in the filovirus family.

Companies that manage to license an Ebola therapeutic in the United States are now eligible for a priority review voucher from the Food and Drug Administration, which is in effect a promise from the agency that it will swiftly process a future drug or vaccine approval application.

"If they get a priority review voucher, they could totally get more than that," said Judit Rius Sanjuan of Médecins Sans Frontières (also known as Doctors Without Borders).

How much? The value of a priority review voucher isn't fixed. If it is sold, the price really depends on what interested buyers are willing to pay.

But last month, a Montreal company called Knight Therapeutics, sold a priority review voucher for a cool



A vial of the Canadian-made Ebola vaccine VSV-ZEBOV. Earlier this week, U.S. President Barack Obama signed into law legislation that may change the economics of making drugs to protect against Ebola. THE CANADIAN PRESS

\$125 million.

A priority review voucher guarantees that the FDA will fast-track a decision on a li-

censing application for a drug or vaccine, processing it within six months. The voucher doesn't assure approval; that

has to be earned with safety and efficacy data.

But a product that does receive expedited approval

Merck

- In late November, Merck bought the licence to develop the Winnipeg Ebola vaccine for \$50 million from NewLink Genetics, which acquired it in 2010 for \$205,000.
- A priority review voucher would likely be worth more than double Merck's outlay, say those watching the program to see if it leads to the advances it is meant to inspire.

gains more time on the market while under patent protection, which has enormous value. Likewise, for a manufacturer who knows a competitor has a similar product in the pipeline, getting into the pharmacies first could mean big earnings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CF-18s bomb enemy targets in Iraq to help break siege



RCAF CF-18 Hornets. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian warplanes have been in action in Iraq once again, bombing enemy targets ahead of Kurdish Peshmerga forces, who are pushing to completely break the siege in the Sinjar mountains.

The region along the Syrian border was home to many members of the Yazidi minority before extremist fighters swept in last August, killing or abducting hundreds and prompting tens of thousands of refugees to flee.

Col. Dan Constable, the commander of Canada's task

force for the Iraq mission, says two CF-18s bombed an enemy position about 100 kilometres northwest of Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city.

The extremists had erected "defensive fighting positions and safe havens, places where they can engage from," Constable said in a teleconference from an undisclosed base in Kuwait. "We were requested to take those fighting positions out."

It is part of a stepped-up air campaign by the U.S.-led coalition battling militants

from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. The coalition carried out 61 strike missions from Dec. 15-17.

Since beginning combat operations in late October, the CF-18s have flown a total 130 sorties and carried out nine bombing runs.

The Peshmerga, according to local media reports, launched a two-pronged assault on the region Wednesday and claimed some success with the apparent liberation of three villages.

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The days ahead

- Iraqi forces have, for the most part, been tied up safeguarding an annual Shiite pilgrimage.
- Now that it's over, they are expected to begin trying to retake territory from ISIL fighters.
- Canada's combat mission in Iraq is due to expire in April.

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Escape. Kurdish forces, battling ISIL, open a key corridor for Yazidis

Iraqi Kurdish forces battling Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) militants managed to open up a key corridor on Thursday so that thousands of people from the country's Yazidi minority who have been trapped on a mountain can flee, said a senior Kurdish official.

The development was an incremental step in the battle to retake the town of Sinjar, at the foothills of the mountain by the same name, which fell to ISIL in early August.

The Kurdish peshmerga troops, backed by U.S.-led coalition airstrikes, launched the operation to retake Sinjar on Wednesday.

Masrur Barzani, chancellor of Kurdistan Region Security Council, said the Kurdish forces advanced in battle, establishing the passageway to the moun-

tain on Thursday. He emphasized that Iraqi forces were in no way part of the operation.

"We asked the Iraqi government to provide the ammunition needed for this operation. Unfortunately they did not send the ammunition and their contribution was nothing, to be quite frank with you," Barzani told The Associated Press in Dohuk, in Iraq's Kurdish region.

Tens of thousands of Yazidis became trapped on the mountain in early August, when the ISIL extremists captured the towns of Sinjar and Zumar, prompting the exodus. Many were eventually airlifted off the mountain or escorted by a passageway through Syria back into Iraq, where they found refuge in the Iraqi Kurdish semi-autonomous region. But thousands remained stuck on the mountain. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Central African Republic. Religious clashes kill 28

Clashes in Central African Republic between Muslim and Christian fighters have killed 28 people, left dozens wounded and sent civilians fleeing for safety, a Red Cross official said Thursday.

The fighting began Tuesday in Mbrés when a member of a Christian militia was killed by a grenade allegedly thrown by a group of Muslims, according to a pastor in the town.

The violence escalated when Christian fighters counter-attacked and members of the country's Muslim rebel alliance arrived from a nearby town to join the melee.

Ahamat Ibrahim Nedjad, a spokesman for the Muslim

fighters, confirmed the clashes, but he said his group was attacked first and fought back.

Gunfire could still be heard on Thursday morning. The town has largely emptied out, with civilians fleeing their homes for the bush and local officials taking shelter in another town, the pastor said. He spoke on condition of anonymity, citing fear for his safety.

The fighting killed 28 and wounded dozens, said the Red Cross official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the news media. He said 70 homes were burned.

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Pakistan condemns, mourns loss of children

A Pakistani child attends a protest to condemn Tuesday's Taliban attack on the Army Public School, Thursday in Peshawar, Pakistan. The Taliban massacre that killed more than 140 people, mostly children, at the military-run school in northwestern Pakistan left a scene of heart-wrenching devastation, pools of blood and young lives snuffed out as the nation mourned and mass funerals for the victims got underway.

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Boko Haram blamed for more kidnapping

Nigerian village. 185 taken were young women, children and members of a civilian defence group

Islamic extremists killed 35 people and kidnapped at least 185 in an attack near the town where nearly 300 schoolgirls were taken hostage in April, witnesses said Thursday.

In Sunday night's attack on the village of Gumburi, most of the kidnapped were young women, children and members of a civilian defence group fighting Boko Haram, according to residents, a security official and a local government

officer. Teenager Aji Ibrahim said he was lucky to escape into the bushes.

"No doubt they were Boko Haram members because they were chanting 'Allahu akbar' (God is great) while shooting at people and torching houses," he told The Associated Press.

News of the attack took days to emerge because the militants have destroyed communications towers and people walked for days to avoid areas under extremist control.

Gumburi is 20 kilometres from Chibok, the northeastern town where extremists kidnapped 276 schoolgirls in April. Dozens of the students escaped that attack, but 219 remain missing.

The militants have kidnapped hundreds of people,

but the mass kidnappings of the girls from a boarding school attracted international outrage and condemnation of Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan and his military for their failure to rescue the hostages.

The United States, Britain, France and China were among countries that sent security experts and hostage negotiators to help free the girls.

Washington also flew drones over the area where it believed the schoolgirls were held. None of them has yet been found.

Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau initially demanded the release of his fighters who are being held illegally without charges or trial. But Jonathan said he would not negotiate with terrorists.

Soldiers sentenced

A human rights lawyer says 54 Nigerian soldiers have been sentenced to death because they embarrassed the military by demanding weapons to fight Islamic extremists, and says they were justified in not going on what would have been a suicidal mission.

There were reports that some of the girls had been married to their captors and some carried across borders.

In a recent video, Shekau said the girls were "an old story," implying their release was no longer up for negotiation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Fighting breaks out in Kenyan parliament

Fist fights and scuffles broke out in Kenya's parliament Thursday as legislators passed a controversial security measure which the government says will help fight terrorism, but which critics say is meant to silence dissent by curtailing civil liberties.

Opposition legislators threw the papers on the floor and chaos erupted as government supporters hit and tore the

clothes of opposition senator Johnston Muthama, who was seated in the public gallery.

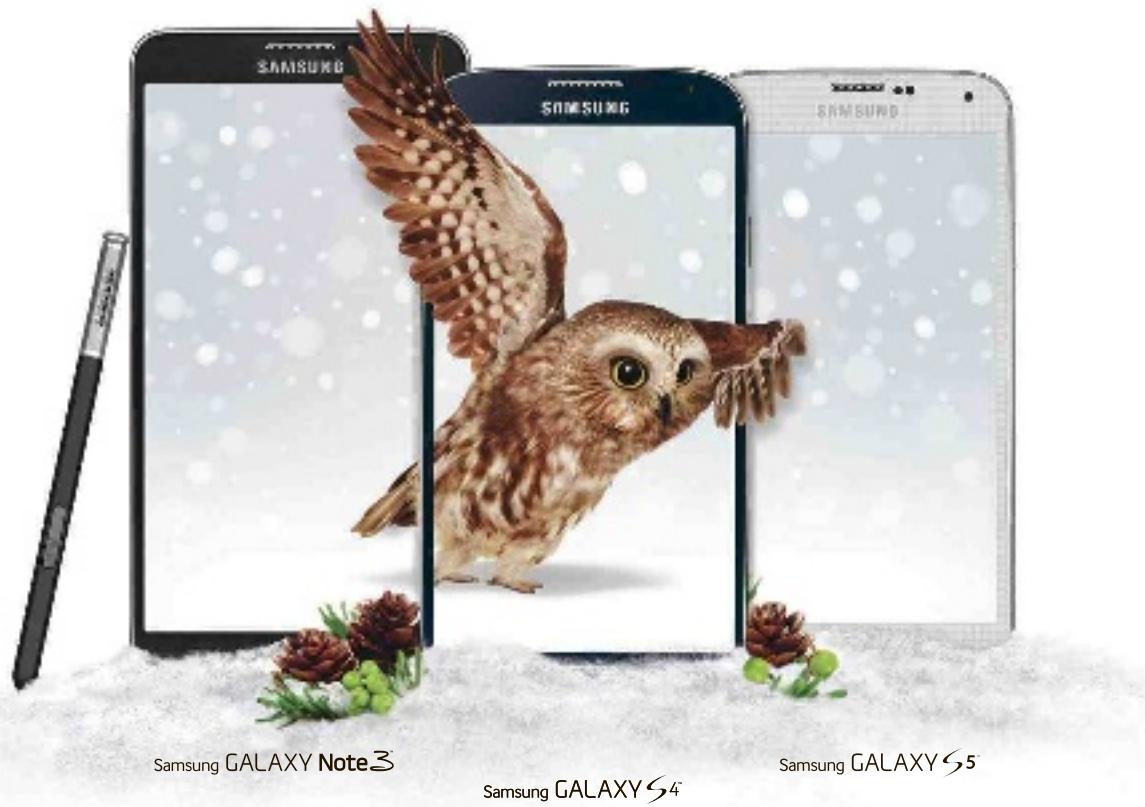
The ruckus was broadcast on national television. More chaos erupted again in the afternoon after parliament twice adjourned in the morning. Legislators threw water at the Deputy Speaker Joyce Laboso and books at speaker Justin Muturi. The new legislation was passed by acclamation

amid shouting and throwing. Muturi was protected by a group of orderlies who surrounded the speakers' seat. The broadcast of parliament was stopped and journalists were barred from covering the vote.

"We will move to court to challenge the constitutionality of this law," Senate Minority leader Moses Wetangula said. "It is illegal — we will challenge it." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Europe. Obesity can be a disability, EU court rules

The European Court of Justice says obesity can be a disability, a ruling that could have consequences for employers across the continent.

The court ruled Thursday in the case of a Danish childminder who says he was unfairly fired for being fat.

The court said if obesity hinders "full and effective participation in professional life," it could count as a disability. Discrimination on the grounds of disability is illegal under European Union law.

Karsten Kaltoft worked as a childminder for 15 years for the Municipality of Billund in Denmark, before he was dis-

Weighty issue

159 kg

Karsten Kaltoft who weighed 159 kilograms, says he was fired from his job as a childminder for being obese

missed in 2010.

Kaltoft, who weighed 159 kilograms, says he was fired for being obese, a claim his employer contests.

The court says it was for Danish courts to decide whether Kaltoft's obesity constituted a disability.

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Hidden cocaine

Coffee shipment packs an extra kick

A Berlin coffee business found stimulants it didn't expect in a shipment of unroasted coffee from Brazil: 33 kilos of cocaine.

Police in the German capital said Thursday that

employees at the coffee-roasting business found the bag full of the drug when they opened a newly arrived container of coffee, and contacted authorities.

The delivery was shipped from Brazil to the German North Sea port of Bremerhaven on its way to Berlin.

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'Ugly' Charlie Brown Christmas tree gets the Peanuts treatment



City councilor Jeff Waltman photographs the city's official Christmas tree last week in Reading, Pa. Waltman fought to save the 50-foot Norway spruce that many compared to the spindly tree in A Charlie Brown Christmas. The city is now embracing the theme. MICHAEL RUBINKAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Norway spruce. Once rejected and shamed, tree turns into focus of Christmas' imperfection

The official Christmas tree of Reading, Pa., has brought the city plenty of grief. Good grief.

When the 50-foot Norway spruce went up last month, it drew immediate comparisons to the scraggly sapling in A Charlie Brown Christmas. Its giant bare spots and asymmetrical branches were no one's idea of Christmas tree perfection — especially in Pennsylvania, one of the largest producers of Christmas trees in the United States.

Message

"Sometimes we have to keep things in perspective, and I think that's the lesson here."

Reading, Pa., Mayor Vaughn Spencer

Some residents and officials called it an embarrassment and demanded it be replaced. Instead, Reading decided to embrace the Charlie Brown theme.

Workers wrapped a blue blanket around its base — a la Linus — and adorned it with a single red ball. The city announced a worldwide photo and essay contest, with winners to receive copies of the book version of the beloved TV special. And on Saturday, the public is invited to give the tree a makeover, just like the Peanuts gang surprised Charlie Brown by turning his puny pine into a trimmed, twinkling tannenbaum.

"Christmas is so commercialized that we tend to forget what Christmases used to be like," said Mayor Vaughn Spencer, channeling good ol' Charlie Brown himself.

City councillor Jeff Waltman said the conifer symbolizes Reading itself: full of potential and ready for transformation.

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Putin warns West it can't rein in Russia

Hard liner. Russian President says he'll shore up the ruble and revive the economy within two years

Sternly warning the West it cannot defang the metaphorical Russian bear, a confident-

looking President Vladimir Putin promised Thursday to shore up the plummeting ruble and revive the economy within two years.

While he issued a litany of sharp rebukes against the West, Putin struck a conciliatory note on Ukraine, saying that the rebellious east should remain part of the country, backing a quick

New sanctions

President Barack Obama signed legislation Thursday authorizing new sanctions on Russia but said he does not plan to impose the penalties outlined in the measure.

exchange of war prisoners

and praising his Ukrainian counterpart.

The mixture of blistering anti-Western rhetoric and constructive signals appeared to indicate that Putin is eager to negotiate a face-saving solution to the Ukrainian crisis, but has no intention of conceding defeat in his stand-off.

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President Vladimir Putin in front of the map of Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawsuit

U.S. sues New York City over Rikers Island issues

U.S. federal prosecutors sued New York City on Thursday to speed the pace of reforms at the Rikers Island jail complex and address what a Justice Department investigation found was a "deep-seated culture of violence" toward young inmates.

The move comes a day after Mayor Bill de Blasio visited the 10-jail lockup.

to announce the end of solitary confinement for 16- and 17-year-old inmates, a policy change initiated after the 2-1/2-year federal probe released in August.

But the end of solitary was just one of 73 recommendations made by federal prosecutors to curb violence, improve investigations, strengthen accountability and reduce the use of solitary confinement for inmates who break jailhouse rules. Court papers say despite negotiations the parties have been unable to reach agreement.

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Boston Marathon. Bombing suspect in court

Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev returned to court Thursday for the first time since he was arraigned in July 2013, and he received a shout of encouragement from the mother-in-law of a man who was shot and killed while being questioned by law enforcement after the bombings.

Security was tight at the federal courthouse in Boston for Tsarnaev's final pretrial conference.

Tensions ran high, and one bombing victim had a

testy exchange with protesters outside.

During the brief court hearing, U.S. District Court George O'Toole Jr. made no rulings, saying he would rule in writing on pending motions, including the defence's latest push to move the trial out of Boston.

David Bruck, one of Tsarnaev's lawyers, told the judge that the defence plans to file a motion to delay the trial, which is now scheduled to begin on Jan. 5 with jury selection.

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Bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev depicted in court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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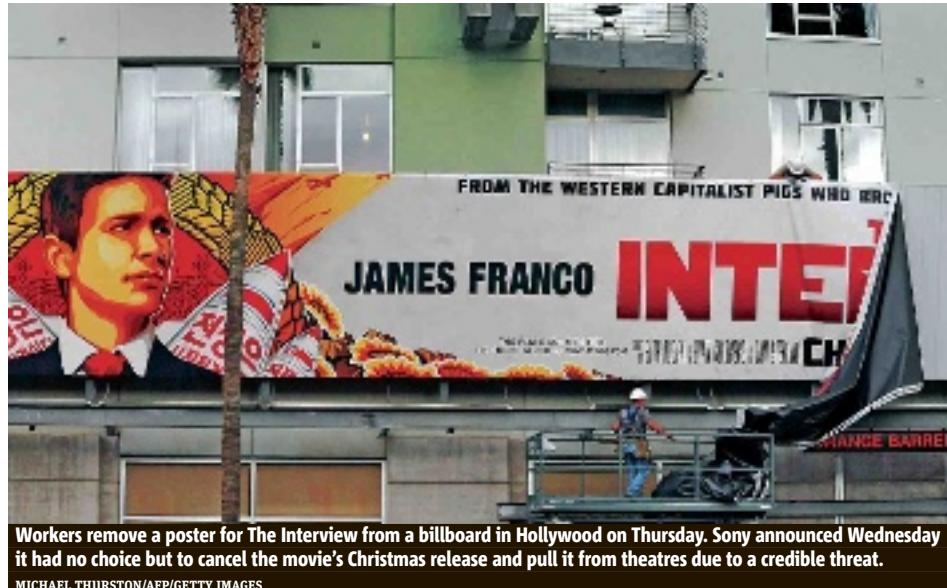
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Evidence in Sony 'whodunit' hacking mostly circumstantial

Response. While many have pointed the finger at North Korea, the U.S. is still investigating

The detective work blaming North Korea for the Sony hacker break-in appears so far to be largely circumstantial, The Associated Press has learned. The dramatic conclusion of a Korean role is based on subtle clues in the hacking tools left behind and the involvement of at least one computer in Bolivia previously traced to other attacks blamed on the North Koreans.

Experts cautioned that hackers notoriously employ disinformation to throw investigators off their tracks, using borrowed tools, tampering with logs and inserting false references to language or nationality.



Workers remove a poster for *The Interview* from a billboard in Hollywood on Thursday. Sony announced Wednesday it had no choice but to cancel the movie's Christmas release and pull it from theatres due to a credible threat.

MICHAEL THURSTON/AFP/GTY IMAGES

The hackers are believed to have been conducting surveillance on the network at Sony Pictures Entertainment

Inc. since at least the spring, based on computer forensic evidence and traffic analysis, a person with knowledge of

the investigation said.

If the hackers hadn't made their presence known by making demands and de-

stroying files, they probably would still be inside because there was no indication their presence was about to be detected, the person said. This person, who described the evidence as circumstantial, spoke only on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk openly about the case.

Still, the evidence has been considered conclusive enough that a U.S. official has said that federal investigators have now connected the Sony hacking to North Korea.

In public, White House spokesman Josh Earnest on Thursday declined to blame North Korea, saying he didn't want to get ahead of investigations by the Justice Department and the FBI. Earnest said evidence shows the hacking was carried out by a "sophisticated actor" with "malicious intent."

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Impact

A breakdown of areas where Sony may suffer damage:

- Box-office losses.** With a modest budget of about \$40 million US, *The Interview* had been predicted to gross around \$30 million in its opening weekend and could have grossed \$120 million in U.S. and foreign box office revenue. Sony has already spent tens of millions on marketing.

- Stirred or shaken.** A leaked script of Sony's upcoming James Bond film *Spectre* led to an online frenzy of articles warning readers of "major spoilers." The potential damage from a hit to the blockbuster franchise is big. "How can they proceed if everyone in the audience has already read the script?" said an analyst. "You basically need to start over and see how much you can salvage."

Online prices volatile

One-hour delivery

Amazon.com launched a service Thursday known as Prime Now that promises one-hour delivery of household products to its Prime customers in Manhattan. One-hour delivery costs \$7.99 US but two-hour delivery is also offered for free.

gle item — say, a sweater — dozens of times throughout the day. And that can leave shoppers confused about when they can get the best deal.

Take Aishia Senior, who recently watched the price on a coat she wanted rise and fall several times between \$110 and \$139 US in a span of six hours on Amazon.com.

She was so frustrated by the price fluctuations that she ended up not buying the coat on the site at all.

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Chain co-founder

Kids can play on field for now: Subway honcho

A co-founder of the Subway sandwich chain says kids in Danbury, Conn., can continue to play soccer on a field he owns until a new athletic field is ready to open. Peter Buck purchased the 13-acre field from the city for about \$3.2 million US in September with plans to build a warehouse for personal items. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Franc

Swiss central bank imposes negative interest rates

Switzerland's central bank has imposed negative interest rates on commercial bank deposits, with the aim of preventing the Swiss franc from gaining more strength against other currencies.

The move forces commercial banks to pay to deposit their francs with the Swiss National Bank. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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VOICES

CUBA WAS OUR PLACE



I don't know too much about Cuba or why the U.S. ended diplomatic relations with them in 1961.

I grew up hearing about an "embargo," a missile crisis and something about some pigs on the bay. Delicious? Oh yeah, and that communism thing.

In my adulthood I came to know Cuba as a sunny vacation destination for friends who enjoyed bad food and copious amounts of rum.

The fact that Cuba had poor relations with the States made it seem cooler — like that weird loner in high school who stayed away from the popular crowd but was still hot.

But with the announcement Wednesday that the U.S. will be opening an embassy in Havana, it's only a matter of time before U.S. tourist visas are approved and the

American masses start flooding in.

A happy day for Cuban business people, a sad one for Canadian travellers; Cuba was our place.

If Americans wanted to travel to Cuba, they had to fly through Canada to get there. It was this one thing we had that they needed, aside from poutine: Airports.

Now Cuba's going to be flooded with our loud, southern counterparts.

Large derrieres and fanny packs knocking us to the ground as we, in true Canadian fashion, apologize for being in their way.

As we sit at tables by the ocean, enjoying the familiar scent of universal health care, we'll be startled by the woman at the next table, speaking to the waiter like she has a megaphone implanted in her mouth, "EX-CUSE ME. I'll have another mojito! GRA-CIAS!"

Gone are the days when the only American we saw in Cuba was Ernest Hemingway's ghost as he smoked a Monte Cristo with that man by the sea.

A farewell to arm-room

Gone are the days when the only American we saw in Cuba was Ernest Hemingway's ghost as he smoked a Monte Cristo with that man by the sea.

And what about the old cars? Studebakers, Oldsmobiles, Soviet imports? I don't really care about cars, but I do care about ambience.

Those cars gave a fun trip an educational twist — sure, you were puking up Havana Club, but you were doing it in an automobile museum.

Annoying people and Ford Focuses aside, maybe the saddest part about this important diplomatic shift is how much this is going to cost us.

I have friends who have spent an all-in-

clusive week in Cuba for under \$1,000.

I doubt prices will stay so low, with 300 million potential new customers trampling through the discount-getaway websites.

Supply and demand is a harsh economic bitch. Cuban resort owners are probably dusting out their wallets right now as they learn to prepare a plate of grits.

Look, maybe there's a bright side.

Those new cars? A boon for the environment. Trade relations with the States? The food is bound to improve. Americans at the table beside you? A reason to feel better about yourself.

Let's look at this as two countries hugging after a long, ridiculous disagreement. It's kinda beautiful.

That said, I wonder what North Korea's like this time of the year.

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Happy face/Sad face

From kowtowing to hackers to old-school illness, Metro weighs-in on the news that made headlines this week:



AND BY 'YES', WE MEAN 'NO'

Major bummer for nearly 300 would-be Johns Hopkins students. Turns out the prestigious university in Baltimore accidentally sent congratulatory admissions messages to 294 applicants who had actually been turned down. A contracted employee had pulled the wrong list of emails and set in motion the unfortunate turn of events.



IF HARRY POTTER TAUGHT US ANYTHING

It's that no one should live in a closet

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J.K. Rowling has no doubt made kids from The Youth Project in Halifax seriously happy after retweeting a poster they made that says, "If Harry Potter taught us anything, it's that no one should live in a closet." The tweet was in response to a fan asking if LGBT students were in attendance at Hogwarts. We think it's pretty safe to say that the answer is "yes".



HOLLYWOOD VS. THE HACKERS (SPOILER: THE HACKERS WIN)

Sony Pictures cancelled Seth Rogen/James Franco movie The Interview, about two guys who plot to kill North Korea's leader, after hackers break into their system and make 9/11-style terror threats. If we don't have the freedom to watch third-rate political spoofs on Christmas Day, have the terrorists already won?



THE MUMPS

Millions of non-medical professionals diagnosed Nova Scotia native Sidney Crosby with mumps days before the Pittsburgh Penguins' official doctors admitted the star player had the illness. More than a dozen players from five teams have been sidelined with the illness that causes, among other things, unmistakably swollen glands.



ART SCHOOL GOES HEART SCHOOL

A U.K. art student raised more than £21,000 for a homeless man after he offered her his last £3 so she could get home safely. Dominique Harrison-Bentzen set up a donation page asking for £3 a pop to give to a homeless man named Robbie. In exchange, she and others spent 24 hours out on the streets. Makes that nude performance piece challenging the hegemony or whatever seem pretty lame in comparison, huh?

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The must-see films of 2014

Look-back list. This year in film was one that offered accidental echoes of real life from charged movies about race like *Dear White People* and *Selma*, to anxieties about the passing of time, reflected in *Boyhood*

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Here then are the best, darkest, funniest and, occasionally, just fun movies of the year.

10. *Edge of Tomorrow*

The first two-thirds of this Tom Cruise sci-fi spectacular are so good — hey, it's Groundhog Day with aliens, how do you screw that up? — that the so-so third that follows is easy to excuse. More funny/clever than rip-roaring, this — not interchangeable, interlocking Marvel romps — is what should be clogging multiplexes.

9. *Selma*

The world's first studio picture about Martin Luther King Jr. could have been another turgid biopic. Instead, it's a thrilling telling of a small but vital chapter in his life. And its portrayal of protests is more than accidentally topical, as peaceful protests concerning race rage in the streets: It's about the grunt work of activism and the way it requires sly manipulation.

8. *Two Days, One Night*

It's easy to take for granted Belgium's Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne (*Kid with a Bike*), who reliably churn out deeply humanist and deeply gripping



The Grand Budapest Hotel placed second on our list of top films of 2014. CONTRIBUTED

social dramas that often play like nail-biting thrillers. Their latest is only slightly better than usual, which is to say it's consistently heartbreakingly, with Marion Cotillard rushing like mad on a fool's errand to save her crappy job.

7. *Inherent Vice*

The year's funniest comedy is, of course, an adaptation of the unadaptable Thomas Pynchon. The daunting novelist's impenetrable stoner detective tome becomes more than just another Big Lebowski: Combining Pynchon with Paul Thomas Anderson, it has the weirdest sense of humour since ... well, Anderson's *Punch-Drunk Love*.

6. *Dear White People*

Important without being pompous, necessary but still a blast, Justin Simien's temperature-taking of modern times as reflected through campus life wasn't really about stupid white people so much as about the diversity of black life that never, ever gets shown on screens.

1. *Under the Skin*



Scarlett Johansson took on some dangerous roles in 2014, including a mysterious alien in *Under the Skin*. CONTRIBUTED

Scarlett Johansson was dangerous in 2014. Lucy turned her into the invincible master of the universe. She was merely an alien seductress in this hypnotic mood piece, in which she trolled Glasgow, luring bros to a mysterious, inexplicable kind of death. There's a lot going on here, from its unflattering, detached view of humanity to its playfully empathetic view of a psychopath who tries, and fails, to become human. But it's also a study of ScarJo, celebrity icon: someone outside of the rest of us, lusted after yet unobtainable, who ultimately can never be one of us, even if that may be for the best.

5. *We are the Best!*

Amidst all the misery and tragedy of this year, there was always this: a 100 per cent

joyous comedy about self-serious Swedish tween punk rock girls. They banged away at songs about sports and cor-

porations with less finesse than Animal the Muppet.

4. *Listen Up Philip*

There were a lot of sociopath movies this year, from *Whiplash* to *Big Eyes*. Jason Schwartzman's young, cartoonishly pompous novelist wasn't even the worst of them, but he was the saddest — an upstart trying to be the kind of literary jerk of a by-gone era and succeeding only at turning into a sour loner who drives away the only girl, potentially, who could put up with him (Elisabeth Moss). The film's final line of narration may make you dive for a stiff drink.

3. *National Gallery*

Frederick Wiseman has been cranking out observational documentaries on institutions — High School, Hospital, Central Park — for half a century. This hang at the London museum is more of the same, only more brilliant than usual — a shape-shifter that over its three leisurely hours turns into a look at cosmic insignificance, with art living longer than those who exhibit and protect it.

2. *The Grand Budapest Hotel*

There's always a deep, dark melancholy bubbling under Wes Anderson films. Here, it's harder to find than usual: this is his zippiest hunk of confectionery yet. But it's also set in a Europe about to be wasted by the Second World War, where violence that seems cartoonish — severed fingers, Looney Tunes-style plummets off cliffs — soon step up and then some. It's so hilarious that its chasmic despair isn't noticeable till a second viewing.

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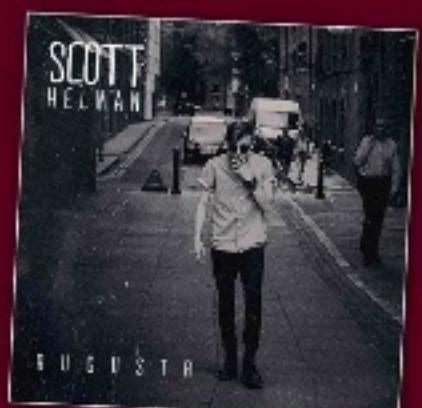
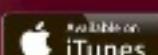
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Taking a gritty '70s film and making it your own

Writer interview. Man behind *The Departed* tries his hand at remaking a 1974 James Caan drama with Mark Wahlberg

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

William Monahan was an acclaimed writer who became an acclaimed novelist who became an Oscar-winning screenwriter who now also directs. He won for *The Departed*, and that script's brash, pissy, sarcastic tone is all over his script for *The Gambler*, a very loose take on the 1974 drama, about an addict (there, James Caan; here, Mark Wahlberg) out for self-destruction. Monahan has already reunited with Wahlberg for his second directed work, *Mojave*, out next year.

What's your relationship with the original?

I've never seen it. It came out when I was 13 or something, and it seemed to be about sports gambling, which was not then, or now, my cup of tea. I only work from text if I adapt something. So when I

was commissioned to write it, I was given (James) Toback's script, and I worked from that. I don't even know if it was a shooter or not. Once I took the job I wouldn't watch the original film. If it's good, I don't want to see it. I'd prefer to work off a script, even an incomplete script — which is what I did with the other adaptation I did.

There are many reasons to not simply repeat the original. What is yours?

I'm hired to do my own thing, not just do another iteration of the original film. One of the truths of writing is that there are only a certain number of stories. It's always the teller, not the tale. So my job is to be as ignorant of the original material as I can be and, for better or worse, infuse it with myself.

The end is very, very different here.

I don't even know what the end was in the original.

(Spoiler alert) He goes to a whorehouse and gets slashed in the face.

Something like that, yeah. Very '70s, right? I always love the gutter '70s realism, because it's never really real, and it's always done by middle-class



The Gambler, starring Mark Wahlberg, opens this Friday. CONTRIBUTED

people. Basically, it's bulls—. College professor gets slashed in the face in a whorehouse — no wonder I blanked out on the script at that point. The thing about '70s realism is it gets too much, too much press. What happened was the scripts got sloppier, there was more improv and the camera moves were nowhere like they were in Doris Day pictures. Apart

from that there was a little more lens flare, a little more Technicolor hijinks. But crock of s—, really.

As the '70s go, the only things that appeal to me are the more formal pictures, like *Apocalypse Now* or the Godfather films. It's like I love Casavetes for what he did. But I know what he did, which is he and a bunch of his friends

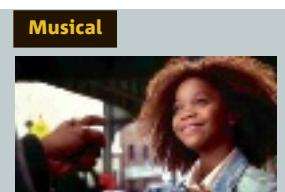
sprang a 16mm camera around an apartment while up crappy dialogue. I just don't see where it's much different from Yoko Ono having a fly walk across someone's face. I prefer motion pictures to be a little more put together than that.

Who are your influences then?

I couldn't begin to tell you.

Watching films is like a songwriter listening to the radio. It's like, "Oh that bit works, that bit doesn't." Three quarters of everything doesn't work. And what you want to concentrate on is what does work. Sometimes it can only be one tiny moment in a film, one shot, one line. There's no real consistency in influence.

Now in theatres



Annie

Director: Will Gluck

Stars: Jamie Foxx, Quvenzhane Wallis

A Broadway classic that has delighted audiences for generations comes to the big screen with a new, contemporary vision. This modern telling captures the magic of the classic characters. *Annie*, a young, happy foster kid who's also tough enough to make her way on the streets of New York in 2014. Originally left by her parents as a baby with the promise that they'd be back for her someday, it's been a hard-knock life ever since.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 19% Audience:

19% + 86%



Wild

Director: Jean-Marc Vallée

Stars: Reese Witherspoon, Kevin Rankin

With the dissolution of her marriage and the death of her mother, Cheryl Strayed has lost all hope. After years of reckless, destructive behaviour, she makes a rash decision. With absolutely no experience, driven only by sheer determination, Cheryl hikes more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail, alone. *Wild* powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 88% Audience:

88% + 95%



Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

Director: Shawn Levy

Stars: Ben Stiller, Robin Williams

Get ready for the wildest and most adventure-filled *Night At the Museum* ever as Larry (Ben Stiller) spans the globe, uniting favourite and new characters while embarking on an epic quest to save the magic before it is gone forever.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 53% Audience:

53% + 97%



The Gambler

Director: Rupert Wyatt

Stars: Mark Wahlberg

Jim Bennett (Mark Wahlberg) is a risk taker. Both an English professor and a high-stakes gambler, Bennett bets it all when he borrows from a gangster (Michael Kenneth Williams) and offers his own life as collateral. Always one step ahead, Bennett pits his creditor against the operator of a gambling ring (Alvin Ing) and leaves his dysfunctional relationship with his wealthy mother.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 62% Audience:

62% + 94%



One Chance

Director: David Frankel

Stars: Kathryn Drysdale, James Corden

From the director of *The Devil Wears Prada*, *One Chance* is the remarkable and inspirational true story of Paul Potts, a shy, bullied shop assistant by day and an amateur opera singer by night. Paul became an instant YouTube phenomenon after being chosen by Simon Cowell for *Britain's Got Talent*. Wowing audiences worldwide with his phenomenal voice, Paul went on to win *Britain's Got Talent* and the hearts of millions.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 63% Audience:

63% + 66%



Force Majeure

Director: Ruben Östlund

Stars: Johannes Bah Kuhnke, Lisa Loven Kongslid

A critical favourite and word-of-mouth sensation at this year's Cannes Festival, where it took the Jury Prize in *Un Certain Regard*, this wickedly funny and precisely observed psychodrama tells the story of a model Swedish family on a skiing holiday in the French Alps.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 96% Audience:

96% + 80%



Mackenzie Mauzy plays Rapunzel and Billy Magnussen is the prince in *Into the Woods*. CONTRIBUTED

Meryl's men in tights and 30 feet of hair

Into the Woods.

Big-screen adaptation of Broadway musical posed many challenges for the actors playing Rapunzel and her prince

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I learned a great deal during my interview with Mackenzie Mauzy and Billy Magnussen. The Manhattan-based performers brought me up to speed on the rite of passage for all New York actors, Rapunzel's hair and whether or not Meryl Streep likes men in blue tights.

The pair play Rapunzel and Rapunzel's Prince in the big-screen adaptation of the legendary Broadway musical *Into the Woods*.

The two relative newcomers — she's best known as Abigail on *Forever* while he made a memorable appearance on *Boardwalk Empire* and will

soon be seen in an upcoming Steven Spielberg spy thriller — help bring fairy tales to life as part of a large ensemble that includes Johnny Depp, Emily Blunt and Meryl Streep.

Which leads me to the first thing I learned during our chat.

"Meryl's a beast," says Magnussen. "She's the one who got me the job. I was in a play and she saw it and recommended me to (director) Rob (Marshall) and (producer) Mark Platt. The play was *Vanya and Sonia and Marsha and Spike*, and I dress up as a prince because we're going to a costume party. It's all about the blue tights."

"Meryl likes the blue tights," laughs Mauzy.

Next, I discovered the wig Mauzy wears in the film put her at a follicular risk.

"They used my hair and braided it into the extensions," she says. "It was 30 feet long, so I wrapped it around my arm. I had a little fake one for rehearsals but I asked to actually wear (the real hair) one day so I could figure out how to be mobile. It's a tripping hazard! We joke about how I had a really strong left bicep

Just call him Steve

Apparently it's OK to call Stephen Sondheim — the legendary composer and eight-time Tony Award winner — Steve. "Everyone calls him Steve!" laughs Mackenzie Mauzy, who worked with him on the big-screen version of *Into the Woods*. "He likes to be called Steve! It is weird. Steve Sondheim."

for a couple of months."

Then, Magnussen enlightened me on a rite of passage for New York actors: "Once you get on *Law and Order*, you're really an actor."

Both have done time in the L&O trenches.

Mauzy played a child killer named Carly Di Gravia. "It's weird I remember that name," she says.

"It was one of my first jobs," Magnussen says.

"They bleached my hair white and I was a Southern male prostitute. How do you tell your mom? Hey watch this!"



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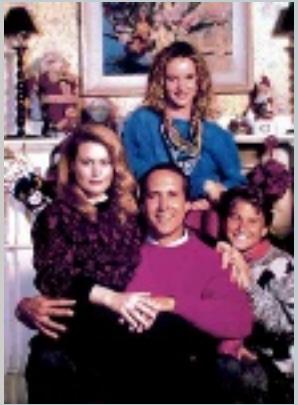
Metro's here for some yuletide cheer! We offer up the best holiday movies you can stream to help get you into the Christmas spirit.

MARIA BARBERA

Metro World News in New York

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

This is a classic Christmas comedy if there ever was one. As Chevy Chase prepares to have his extended family over for the holidays, a variety of (hilarious) disasters ensue. This film is filled with a ton of classic gags. If you're feeling nostalgic for a time when physical, family-oriented comedy thrived, be sure to check this out!



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Movies to watch for the holidays



Scrooged

Bill Murray is probably the last person most people would associate with Ebenezer Scrooge. And that's why this movie works so well. A modern, comedic take on the famous holiday tale *A Christmas Carol*, this movie features a Scrooge we can care about, sympathize with, and even laugh with. Check it out!



A Charlie Brown Christmas

Let's just face it: When the holidays come around, you can't really ever go wrong with Charlie Brown. Whether you're looking for something for the whole family, revisiting your childhood, or adamantly insisting that "Charlie Brown is totally for adults, too!" (hey, more power to you, man), this is a great option!



12 Dates of Christmas

The holidays are the time to indulge: on copious amounts of food; on gift splurges for your loved ones (or, hey, even yourself, no judgement); and on cheesy rom-coms that you dutifully roll your eyes at during the rest of the year. Take in the spirit of the season and check out this adorable romantic comedy, which tells the story of an unfortunate girl who is forced to go on the same horrible date 12 times.



Christmas in Paradise

After a tough year, two different families embark on a cruise to San Juan for Christmas, hoping to escape their troubles and enjoy the holiday. Their paths entwine during the vacation, and the members of each family become instrumental in each other's journeys. If you're in the mood for a sentimental, uplifting Christmas film, look no further than this (absolutely free!) option.

To portray a painter, you must learn to paint

Mr. Turner Q&A.

Timothy Spall is proud of the artistic skills he developed while preparing to play famed British painter J.M.W. Turner

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You don't get very far into a conversation with British character actor Timothy Spall without him slipping off on an eyebrow-raising tangent. For instance, we're sitting in a room at the InterContinental Hotel, a name that brings to mind an

anecdote.

"InterContinental ... I worked in one once. It was the worst place — in the kitchen, in the pastry room," Spall recalls. "I spent all day washing pastry tins in boiling hot water without any soap. My hands — it was like I was wearing rubber gloves, they were so fat and pink. And the chef said, 'Oh by the way, there's some rubber gloves over there.' You F—tard!" He lets out a hearty laugh before adding, "I didn't go back. I joined the theatre."

Another random personal detail he slips in later is that he owns — and extensively uses — an interesting boat.

"It's a bit of a funny old boat. It's a flat-bottom, sea-going barge. And I've been going on the North Sea in it a few times,"

he says. "I did this mad thing in this boat. We left the Thames, and I was going to go to France and go through the canals. But my wife and I said, 'No, bollocks, let's discover our own country.' So I turned right and we circumnavigated the entire British Isles. On and off, it took four years because I had to go off and make the money to pay for the mooring and the fuel."

Speaking of money, aside from being a former dishwasher and amateur explorer, Spall is first and foremost an actor. And his latest work involves embodying the complicated life of famed British painter J.M.W. Turner in Mike Leigh's *Mr. Turner*, something he ended up doing much more preparation for than he was expecting.

"We'd first talked about it

seven years ago. Then, in 2010, Mike had me into his office and told me his next film would be about Turner and asked if I was still up for it. I said, 'Yeah, yeah, of course I am!' He said, 'And also, if you don't mind, I'd like you to start learning how to paint now,'" Spall remembers.

That led to some very extensive fine art lessons.

"There's about 300 different images that we made and about 24 paintings. I eventually ended up doing a full-scale copy of *Snow Storm: Steam-Boat off a Harbour's Mouth*. I don't quite believe it. I've got it on my wall, I look at it and go, 'I didn't do that.' I even had it framed in the same kind of frame that's in the National Gallery. You know, it's not Turner, but it is great."



Timothy Spall plays J.M.W. Turner. CONTRIBUTED



Holiday & Winter Service

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Kanata North Commuter Service Changes

Commuter service in Kanata North will be revised, following public consultation last summer, which will extend service to new residential areas and reduce walking distances for many customers. Revised service will include a new Express Route 64 and changes to Routes 60, 68 and 181, as described below.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 will be expanded to operate later at night, seven days a week, between the Rideau Centre and Bank Street, for improved service to customers.
- 5 will have improved early morning service on Sundays for Vanier residents. A new trip will depart Billings Bridge an hour earlier at 8:15 a.m., and the first westbound trip from St-Laurent Station will depart a half hour earlier at 9 a.m.
- 7 will have improved weekend service for Vanier residents. On Saturdays, an additional late night trip will depart Carleton University at 12:49 a.m. On Sundays, a new early morning trip will depart St-Laurent Station at 5:40 a.m.
- 12 will have improved weekend service for Vanier residents. On Saturdays, an additional late night trip will depart downtown at 1:47 a.m. On Sundays, a new early morning trip will depart downtown at 6:42 a.m., and Blair Station at 6 a.m.
- 38 will have two afternoon trips extended along Jeanne d'Arc to Trim Road to reduce walking distances for residents east of Tenth Line.
- 60 will be shortened, which will provide a faster trip for some customers. Buses will follow the regular routing to Morgan's Grant, then continue via Flamborough Way and Terry Fox to March Road. Service on Flamborough Way north of Morgan's Grant and on Halton Terrace will be provided by new Route 64.
- Service will be adjusted to match the projected ridership levels, with nine trips in both the morning and afternoon rush hour.
- 64 will start on December 22, providing new residential areas in Kanata North with direct commuter service to downtown, and reducing walking distances to transit for customers. New Route 64 will replace portions of Routes 60 and 68.
- Service will be based on the projected ridership levels, with nine trips in both the morning and afternoon rush hours on weekdays. An Express fare will be required.
- 68 will be shortened, which will provide a faster trip for some customers. In the morning, service will start on

Goulbourn Forced Road at Kanata Avenue and travel in the opposite direction around Keyrock, so customers must board on the opposite side of the street. Service will also be removed from Goldridge and a portion of Kanata Avenue, which will be served by new Route 64. Service will be adjusted to match the projected ridership levels, with eight trips in the morning and seven in the afternoon rush hour.

96A will be rerouted in Stittsville to have some trips travel via Iber Road and Abbott, instead of Fringewood and Granite Ridge, to reduce walking distances for customers. Before 12 noon, buses will operate westbound via Iber and Abbott to Goulbourn Recreation Centre, and eastbound via Granite Ridge and Fringewood to Terry Fox. After 12 noon, buses will operate eastbound via Abbott and Iber to Terry Fox, and westbound via Fringewood and Granite Ridge to Goulbourn Recreation Centre.

111 will be increased in frequency on Saturdays in the mid-morning and early evening.

181 will follow its regular routing to March, then travel via Herzberg, Terry Fox and Innovation to the Richcraft Recreation Complex. Carling and Schneider will still be served by Route 93.

406 has been extended to Nepean Woods and Riverview Park & Ride lots for improved connections from Barrhaven and Riverside South to hockey games and special events at the Canadian Tire Centre.

LeBreton Station is Moving

On December 21, Booth Street will be closed between Wellington and Albert Street for construction of the O-Train Confederation Line. This closure will require LeBreton Station to be moved and some routes to be rerouted. LeBreton Station will be relocated farther west to the intersection of Preston Street at the Transitway.

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January 2	Reduced Weekday Schedule
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Sequel. Tim Burton penning *Beetlejuice* 2



Michael Keaton is expected to reprise his role as Beetlejuice in the sequel.

CONTRIBUTED

In discussion over the past few years, the followup to *Beetlejuice*, that macabre 1988 comedy, is finally taking shape. Director Tim Burton is now working on a script for the sequel, in which Michael Keaton is expected to reprise his role as the wacky ghost.

The arrival of *Beetlejuice* 2 is "closer than ever," according to Tim Burton. In an interview promoting his latest film *Big Eyes*, the director told Comingsoon.net he was currently writing the screenplay with help from Seth Grahame-Smith. The two previously collaborated to pen *Dark Shadows*.

But there is more good news for *Beetlejuice* fans: Michael Keaton will star in this long-awaited sequel.

Nearly 25 years after the release of the first movie, the actor will again don the costume of the vulgar and somewhat unreliable spirit who attempts to help a couple of fellow ghosts to rid their home of its pesky living occupants.

Plans for a second *Beetlejuice* movie were mentioned as early as 1990, but were shelved as Burton was already busy with *Batman Returns*. It was only in 2011 that the project was resurrected with Grahame-Smith's help on the script.

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Upcoming

Jackman in talks for X-Men role

Hugh Jackman could join *X-Men Apocalypse*, the third film in the prequel trilogy.

If Jackman signs up for the film, it will be his seventh time — or eighth when counting his very brief appearance in *X-Men: First Class* — portraying the immortal mutant Wolverine. The actor took part in the original trilogy (released between 2000 and 2006), in two spinoffs on his character (*X-Men Origins: Wolverine* in 2009 and *The Wolverine* in 2013) and in the second film in the prequel trilogy *X-Men: Days of Future Past* (2014).

"I have been speaking with the guys and I am not at liberty to tell exactly what's going on," Jackman said. "What I do know is there are some very exciting things about integrating the whole X-Men world, including the Wolverine movie."

Due for release in 2016, *X-Men: Apocalypse* will be directed by Bryan Singer and will mark the return of James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender and Jennifer Lawrence to their roles in the franchise. Regardless of whether he joins Singer's upcoming feature, Jackman will don the Wolverine costume again in 2017 for the third spin-off movie on the character.

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The record for quickest death of significant character in a kids' film is held by *Finding Nemo*. Nemo's mother is gobbled by an undersea predator in the first four minutes of the film. CONTRIBUTED

Film deaths can be traumatizing for kids

Study. Researchers have found murders more common in children's films than adult dramas

"And we thought, let's have a look at this, and it seems to be timely."

Colman and co-principal investigator James Kirkbride of University College London in the U.K. used standard epidemiological techniques to analyze how soon into an animated kids' film a significant character meets their end.

The record is held by 2003's *Finding Nemo*, in which the main character's mother — she was gunned down by a hunter. Children's animated films are rife with murder and mayhem.

While such movie videos make popular gifts at Christmas and Hanukkah, parents may want to take precautions when young children first watch these films, which researchers say could traumatize little ones unprepared for characters dying — often in horrible ways. Their study, entitled *Cartoons Kill*, is published in the Christmas issue of the British Medical Journal, the journal's annual edition that's typically dedicated to tongue-in-cheek medical research and other lighthearted offerings.

And while this study may be about animated films, its message is deadly serious.

"I think a lot of people have talked about this, the fact that there seems to be a lot of deaths in children's films," said Ian Colman, a mental health epidemiologist at the University of Ottawa.

"I've got two young kids myself, and I started watching these films, and my kids have been quite honestly traumatized by a few of them," Colman said of his four-year-old son and six-year-old daughter.

"We tried watching *The Land Before Time*, which seems pretty innocent. You've got these cute little cartoon dinosaurs, but the mother of the main character gets savagely attacked and killed by a Tyrannosaurus rex in the first five minutes of the film. And at that point my daughter (about age four at the time) was just completely hysterical and begging me to stop the film. And when we saw something similar in *Finding Nemo*, we really started to think maybe there's something going on here."

The team viewed 45 of the top-grossing animated

By the numbers

- **2.5 times.** More likely that there will be the death of a significant character in a children's animated film compared to an adult drama.
- **2.8 times.** More likely to be murder in children's films, and the victims are five times more likely to be parents.

children's films and 90 dramatic movies aimed at adults — 135 in all — to determine in which genres the risk was greatest for a main character or a significant family member or friend to die. The animated movies made for kids won hands-down.

"I know some of these films have been quite traumatic for my kids and they've led to a lot of questions. Many of these films, as soon as they end, the kids start asking, 'Why this?' and 'Why that?'

"This can actually be a good thing because it can give us a chance to talk about some important concepts, like death. But it can also make for some really difficult conversations that kids may not be ready for, and this is particularly important for younger kids," Colman said.

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**Bytowne Cinema
325 Rideau St.**

A Christmas Story (PG) Sat 4:35 Sun 1:01 Mon 4:30
Closed for the Holiday (STC) Thu Foxcatcher (14A) Fri 6:35 Sat 9:10 Sun 3:15-8:15 Mon 8:50 Tue 6:15 Wed 3:01-7:59 National Gallery (G) Sat 1:01 One Chance (PG) Fri 4:15-9:25 Sat 6:50 Sun 6:01 Mon 6:35 Tue 4:01-8:59 Wed 5:45

**Canadian Film Institute
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120**

No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Thu

**Canadian Museum of
nature
240 McLeod St.**

No Films Showing Today (STC) Thu Penguins 3D (STC) Fri 10:30-1:10-3:40 Fri 11:15-1:50 Titans of the Ice Age 3D (STC) Sat-Tue 10:30-1:10-3:40 Wed 10:30-1:10 Sat-Tue 11:15-1:50 Wed 11:15 The Ultimate Wave Tahiti 3D (STC) Fri-Tue 12-2:30 Wed 12 Fri-Wed 12:35-3:05

**Coliseum Ottawa
3090 Carling Ave.**

Annie (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 No Passes Wed 1:10-4:10-7:10 No Passes Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:55-4:35-7:15-9:50 Mon 1:55-4:35-9:50 Tue 1:55-4:35-7:15-9:50 Wed-Thu 12:20-3:40 Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Thu 4 Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-7:20-10:40 Wed 12:40-7:20 Thu 12:40-7:20-10:40 The Gambler (14A) No Passes Thu 2:45-7:40-10:30 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:50-6:10 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 No Passes Wed 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 No Passes Thu 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 No Passes Fri 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 No Passes Sat 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 No Passes Sun 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50

Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Tue 2:10-5-7:40-10:20 Wed 5-7:40 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:40-7:50 Thu 7:50-10:50 Interstellar (PG) Fri 2:30-6:20-10:15 Sat 6:20-10:15 Sun 2:30-6:20-10:15 10:15 Wed 1:3-10:15 Into the Woods (PG) No Passes Thu 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:15 It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 12:30 Mon 7 Wed 12:30 Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50 No Passes Wed 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20 Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Wed 12:30 Thu 12:30-2:55-5:20 Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Tue 2:55-5:20-7:45-10:05 Wed 2:55-5:20-7:45 PK (STC) Fri-Tue 12-3:20-6:40-10 Wed 12-3:20-6:40 Thu 12-3:20-6:40-10 Unbroken (14A) No Passes Wed 7 No Passes Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:20

**Mayfair Theatre
1074 Bank St.**

A Christmas Story (PG) Fri 3:15 Mon 1 Tue 3:15 Die Hard (18A) Mon 6:30 Die Hard 2 (STC) Mon 9 For Your Height Only (STC) Fri 11 Force Majeure (14A) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 8:30 Tue 9 Guardians of the Galaxy (PG) Fri 1 Sun 1 Mon 3:15 Tue 1 It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 3 Sun 3:15 No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed-Thu The Room (STC) Sat 11 The Search for Weng Weng (STC) Fri 9 The Theory of Everything (PG) Sat-Sun 6 Tue 6:30

**Rainbow Cinemas
St. Laurent Centre,
1200 St. Laurent Blvd.**

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG) Fri-Tue 10:30-12:30-2:25-4:30-6:35 Wed 10:30-12:30-2:25-4:30 The Book of Life (G) Fri-Wed 10:20-12:20-2:40-4:45 The Boxtrolls (G) Fri-Wed 2:35-

2:35-4:40 Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Tue 10-2:30-7:05 Wed 10-2:30 Fury (14A) Fri-Tue 8:55 Guardians of the Galaxy (PG) Fri 10:40-1:15-4:10 Sat 1:15-4:10 Sun-Wed 10:40-1:15-4:10 The Judge (14A) Fri-Tue 7:10 The LEGO Movie (G) Sat 11 Into the Woods (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 6:50-9:10 No Films Showing Today (STC) Thu 11-10-6:20-9:35 The Imitation Game (PG) No Passes Thu 1:30-4:55-6:55-9:40 Interstellar (PG) Fri-Tue 10:35-2:05-6:9:35 Wed 10:35-2:05-6:05 Into the Woods (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 7:05-10:05 Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 11-1:55-4:35-7:25-10 No Passes Wed 11-1:55-4:35-7:25 No Passes Thu 1:55-4:35-7:25-10 Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Wed 12:05-2:30 Thu 1:30 Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Tue 4:55-7:10-9:25 Wed 4:55-7:10 Thu 4 Unbroken (14A) No Passes Thu 12-3:20-6:40-9:55

**South Keys
2214 Bank St.**

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**Canadian Museum
of civilization
100 rue Laurier**

Galapagos 3D (STC) Fri 2-6 Sat-Tue 2-7 Galapagos 3D: Nature's Wonderland (STC) Fri 4-8 Sat 5 Sun 4 Mon 6 Tue 4 Les merveilles de l'Arctique 3D (STC) Fri 1-7 Sat 4 Sun 1-6 Mon 4 Tue 1-6 Wed 1 No Films Showing Today (STC) Thu Pandas: The Journey Home 3D (STC) Fri-Wed 11 Sat 1 Mon 1 Wonders of the Arctic 3D (STC) Fri 12-3-5 Sat 12-3-6 Sun-Tue 12-3-5 Wed 12

**Cinéma des Galeries
d'Aylmer
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne**

Annie (G) Fri-Tue 3:30-7-9:30 Wed-Thu 3:30 Fri-Thu 1 Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:40 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:40 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:40 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:40 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:40 Horrible Bosses 2 (13+) Fri-Tue 12:30-3-5:35-8:10-10:45 Wed 12:30-3-5:35-8:10-10:45 Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (G) Fri-Tue 1:10-7:10-9:20 Wed 1:10-7:10-9:20 Une nuit au musée: Le secret du tombeau (G) Fri-Thu 3:20

**Gatineau 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital**

Annie (G) Fri-Tue 1-3:45-7:05-9:40 Wed 1-3:45 Thu 3:45-7:05 La cloche et l'idiot 2 (G) Fri-Tue 9:25 Le flambeur (STC) Thu 3:20-6:30 Le Hobbit: La bataille des cinq armées (G) Fri-Tue 12:15-3:20-6:30-9:30 Wed 12:15-3:20 Thu 6:45 Le Hobbit: La bataille des cinq armées 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:45-9:40 Wed 12:30-3:40-6:45-9:40 Hunger Games : la révolte, partie 1 (G) Fri-Tue 3:10-7:20-10 Wed 3:10 Thu 7:20 Invincible (STC) Thu 3:05-6:50 L'Exode: Dieux et rois (G) Fri-Tue 1:15-8 Wed 12:40 Thu 6:45 L'Exode: Dieux et rois 3D (G) Fri-Tue 4:30 Wed 3:50 Thu 3 Les maîtres du suspense (G) Fri-Tue 1:15-4-7:10-9:40 Wed 1:15-4 Thu 4:7:10 Les nouveaux héros (G) Fri-Wed 12:30-3:30 Thu 3:10 Les pingouins de Madagascar (G) Fri-Wed 1:20 La théorie de l'univers (G) Fri-Tue 6:50 Une nuit au musée: Le secret du tombeau (G) Fri 11:10-3:15-7-9:20 Sat-Tue 1:05-3:15-7-9:20 Wed 1:05-3:15 Thu 3:15-7 Wild (13+) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:25-7:25

9:50 Wed 12:45-3:25 Thu 3:25-7:25

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Annie (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 No Passes Wed 12:10-4:5-20-8-10:00 No Passes Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Dans les bois (G) No Passes Thu 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:15 Exodus: Gods and Kings (G) Fri-Tue 4 Wed 3:55 Thu 4 Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12:40-7:15-10:30 Wed 12:40-7:10-10:30 Thu 12:40-7:15-10:30 Fred Claus (G) Sat 11 Le Frère Noël (G) Sat 11 The Gambler (STC) No Passes Thu 2:45-50-7:40-10:30 Les grands yeux (STC) Thu 1:40-4:20-7:9:40 Le Hobbit: La bataille des cinq armées (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:15-10:00 No Passes Wed 12:55 No Passes Thu 12:15-10 Le Hobbit: La bataille des cinq armées 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 3:25-6:45 No Passes Wed 4:05-7:15-10:15 No Passes Thu 3:25-6:45 No Passes Fri 1:30-4:55-7:15-10:30 No Passes Sat 1:30-4:55-7:15-10:30 No Passes Sun-Tue 2:30-5-7:35-10:05 No Passes Thu 2:30-5-7:35-10:05 Penguins of Madagascar (G) Sat 12:15 Sun-Wed 1:45 Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 7:45-10:15 Sat 2:45-5-15-7:45-10:15 Sun-Tue 4:30-7:10 Unbroken (14A) No Passes Thu 3:50-7:10-10:20

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Annie (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:10-4:15-7:15-10:05 No Passes Thu 1-4-7-10 Big Eyes (PG) Thu 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:40 Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 11:50 Sat 11:45-3:30 Sun-Wed 11:50 Thu 11:05-10:30 Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:20 Mon 4-10:20 Tue 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:20 Wed 2:30-5:05-7:45-10:20 Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (STC) Sun 12:55 Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri 2:35-5:55-9:35 Sat 11:15-2:35-5:55-9:35 Sun-Tue 2:35-5:55-9:35 Wed 11:55-3:45 Thu 12:35 Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri-Wed 11:55-3:15-6:30-10:10 Thu 4:05-7:40-11 Fred Claus (PG) Sat 11 The Gambler (14A) No Passes Wed 7:55-10:45 No Passes Thu 11:25-2:05-4:50-7:50-10:45 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Fri 2:40-6 No Passes Sat 11:20-2:40-6 No Passes Sun-Wed 2:40-6 No Passes Thu 12:10-3:30-6:50 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies -- An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:50-3-10-6:20-9:40 No Passes Thu 11:30-2:50-6:10-9:30 No Passes Fri-Wed 12:20-3-40-7:9:20-10:20 No Passes Thu 10:10 Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Sat 12:30-3-5:40-8:20-10:55 Sun 5:40-8:20-10:55 Mon-Tue 12:30-3-5:40-8:20-10:55 Fri 4:30-8:20-10:55 Wed 3:10-5:40-8:20-10:55 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Wed 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:45 The Imitation Game (PG) No Passes Thu 1:20-4:15-7:10-10:20 Interstellar (PG) Fri 2:45-6:40-10:15 Sat 6:40-10:15 Sun-Wed 2:45-6:40-10:15

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It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 12:30 Mon 7 Wed 12:30
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:25-2:55-5:25-8:10-10
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Wed 12:15 Thu 12:40
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Wed 2:50-5:20-7:50-10:05 Thu 11:15
Royal Ballet: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (STC) Sat 8
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri-Tue 1-3:50-6:50-9:45 Wed 1-3:50 Thu 11
Top Five (18A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:05-5:30-8:10-10:45 Wed 12:40-3:05-5:30 Thu 3:05-5:40-8:15-10:55
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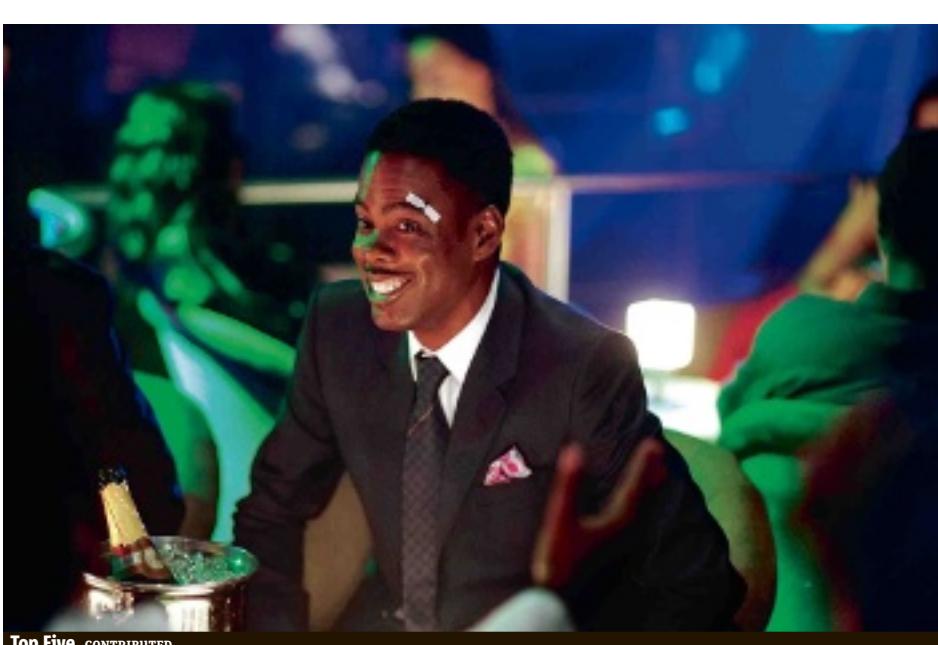
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Cinemas, 3752 Innes Rd.**

Annie (PG) Fri 10:15-1-4:20-7:10-9:55 Sat 7:10 Sun-Tue 10:15-1-4:20-7:10-9:55 Wed 10:15-1-4:20-7:10 Thu 4:20-7:10 Sat 10:15-1-4:20-9:55 Thu 9:55 Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Tue 10:20-2-4:50-7:30-10:05 Wed 10:20-2-4:50-7:30 Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-5-9 Wed 1:30-5 Thu 5-9 The Gambler (14A) Wed 7:30 Thu 4:40-7:40-10:20 The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Fri 11:30-12:30-3-4-8 Sat 10:11-30-12:30-3-4-8 Sun-Mon

**Landmark Cinemas
24 Kanata & IMAX,
801 Kanata Ave.**

Annie (PG) Fri 10:45-1:40-4:35-7:30-10:20 Sat 10:45-1:40-4:35 Sun-Tue 10:45-1:40-4:35-7:30-10:20 Wed 10:45-1:40-4:35 Sat 7:30-10:20 Wed 4:35-7:30 Thu 7:30-10:20 Big Eyes (PG) Thu 4:30-7:20-10 Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Tue 10:35-1:20-4

10-11:30-3 Tue 10-11:30-12:30-3-4-8 Wed 10-11:30-12:30-3-4 Thu 9:50 Fri 10 Sun-Mon 12:30-4-8 The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Fri 10:30 Sat 12:30-7-10:30 Wed 12:30-3-4-8 Thu 3:30-7-10:15 Fri-Tue 6:30-10 Wed 6:30 Thu 4-8 Fri 12:30-7-10:15 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15 Sat 4:30-7:20-10:15 Sun-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15 Wed 1:40-4:30-7:20 Thu 4:05-7:05-10 Into the Woods (PG) Thu 3:40-6:45-9:50 Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30 Sat 1:20-1:50-4:10-4:50-6:50-7:40-9:30-10:20 Wed 4:10-6:50 Thu 4:10-6:50-9:30 Fri 10:10-1:50-4:50-7:40-10:20 Sat 10:10 Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-7:40-9:30-10:20 Mon 10:10-1:20-1:50-4:10-4:50-6:50-9:30 Wed 10:10-1:20-1:50-4:10-4:50-6:50-9:30 Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:40-9:40 Sat 10:30 Sun-Tue 10:30-1:10-3:50-6:40-9:40 Wed 10:30-1:10-3:50 Thu 4:30-7:30 Sat 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:40 Shakespeare's Globe on Screen: The Taming of the Shrew (STC) Sat 11 Unbroken (14A) Thu 4:10-7:20-10:25



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6:45 Wed 10:35-1:20-4 Thu 2:10-4:55 Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Wed 1:15-4:15-7:15 Thu 7:35-10:15 Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Tue 12:15-3:10-6:15-9:15 Wed 12:15-3:10 Thu 3:05-6:15 Citizenfour (PG) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:30-6:15-9:05 Wed 12:45-3:30-6:15 Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Tue 2:20-5:05 Wed 2:20 Thu 7:20 Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri-Tue 11:10-2:30-6:9:35 Wed 11:10-2:30-6 Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) Fri

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Chris Rock

Rock says Tinseltown is terrified after Sony hack

The whole Sony hacking scandal has the entertainment industry on edge, at least according to Chris Rock. "This whole thing is just scary. It's emails, it's your private stuff. And the whole town is scared. Nobody knows what to do," Rock said during a Q&A with David Carr.

It's worth noting that

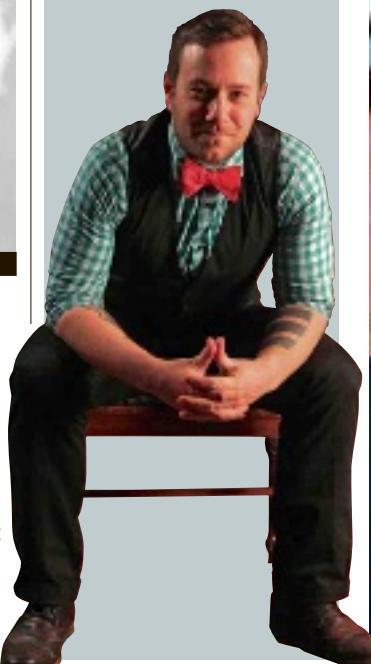
Scott Rudin — who has come under fire because of leaked emails between him and Amy Pascal about Angelina Jolie and President Obama — is a producer on *Top Five*, Rock's new film.

"Read my emails," Rock says, responding to whether he himself is worried. "I say offensive things for a living."

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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Joel not sure Benji and Diaz are a match Madden in heaven

Cameron Diaz and heavily tattooed Good Charlotte twin Benji Madden have been dating since May, but apparently that's long enough to know he's a keeper because a source tells the National Enquirer that Diaz and Madden are "planning their wedding for early in the new year. They've been telling close friends in recent weeks about their plans, but it's very hush-hush." Well, I mean, it was very hush-hush until now. Way to go, anonymous source.

Not everyone is thrilled, though, chief among them Benji's twin brother, Joel, who "actually likes Cameron a lot and thinks they're a good match, but he doesn't want Benji to rush into something so quickly."

Which is fair. I mean, has she even been around them long enough to conclusively tell them apart? Twins are hard, man. Also, I feel like there's a whole vault of quotes from Diaz about marriage and family that could be dug up for this.

Like 2012, when she told Esquire marriage "just wasn't the thing I was drawn to." Or how about two months ago, when she told Marie Clare, "I'm not looking for a husband or marriage or not looking for that stuff. I'm living, not thinking what I should or shouldn't be doing with my life." What a difference Thanksgiving makes.



Cameron Diaz ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Funny or Die sweetens the podcast with Serial send-up

Did the finale of *Serial* not give you the satisfaction you were looking for? Funny or Die has you covered. The humour site taps into the obsession built up around the *This American Life* podcast and its highly anticipated conclusion.

Michaela Watkins plays *Serial* host Sarah Koenig as she dodges eager fans and scrambles to come up with a satisfying resolution before finally snapping:

"What do you want? I do a podcast! It was supposed to be for four people. Do you think if I thought this was going to be anything I would have MailChimp sponsor us?" she rants.

"What do you want to know? Do you want to know who did it? Fine. It was me! I did it!" Well, I don't think anyone saw that coming.



Michaela Watkins

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Beauty is in the eye of the holiday shopper

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For Metro

Conair InfinitiPro 3Q Hair Dryer

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NARS Virtual Domination Blush & Bronzer Palette

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Tweezerman Brush iQ Makeup Brushes

These handsome tools feature soft, synthetic bristles made of DuPont filaments. \$24 to \$85 at tweezerman.ca.

YSL Palette Collector Wild Edition

This covetable palette houses shades for eyes, cheeks and lips. \$100 at Hudson's Bay, thebay.com; Sephora, sephora.com; and Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com.

Facial Cleansing Brushes

New facial cleansing systems are gentle on skin and kind to the wallet, too. Clinique, \$95 at Hudson's Bay, thebay.com; Philips



PureRadiance, \$149.99 at London Drugs, londondrugs.com.

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Cushion Cheek colour playfully spotlights Lagerfeld's pampered kitty, Shupette. \$35 at Hudson's Bay, the bay.com; and Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com.

Top, from left: Kerastase Discipline; Tweezerman Brush iQ Makeup Brushes; bottom, Crabtree & Evelyn Sensational Six Hand Therapy Musical Tin.

Correction

The SousVide Supreme was incorrectly identified in last week's gift guide. Metro apologizes for the error.

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Braun Series 5 Shaver

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Hermès Hermessence in Cuir D'Ange Not your typical scent of smoky leather notes, this eau de toilette evokes "light, supple leather to clothe and shoe a winged god." \$260 at Hermès, canada-en.hermes.com. JANINE FALCON/FOR METRO

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Make scents for the holidays

Perfume and cologne.

Top picks for 2014 holiday gift giving

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

The gift of fragrance is the perfect choice for the holiday season. It's intensely personal — "every time you wear a scent, you're reminded of the person who gave it to you," said Lee-Ann Hodgekins, theperfumeexpert.com founder.

"Scent is also one of the strongest links to memory, reminding us of special moments and fond times."

SEASONAL
If choosing a fragrance gift for that special someone



this holiday season seems daunting, consider this one simple tip: Use the hints of the season and environment around you. "Think about the fiery colours of the harvest, the crisp cool air, the dry woods and roaring fires," Hodgekins said.

"Also, think about the typical foods at this time of year:

Dark berries, festive citrus, smooth caramels, toasted nuts, warming spices, and sweet intoxicating elixirs."

Here are some top trends and favourite fragrances for this holiday season:

Rose is always popular — this year's rose scents are deeper and richer. "Com-

bined with deep woods, smoky nuances and decadent delights, these rose fragrances are ultra-alluring and perfect for those who love traditional scents, but also appreciate the more sexy and mysterious notes of perfume," Hodgekins said.

Lee-Ann's picks:
• **Aerin Lauder's Evening Rose:**

Combined with dark berries and smoky incense, this rose scent is the perfect romantic fragrance for winter, \$125.

• **The Body Shop's White Musk Smoky Rose** is a new twist on classic rose with hints of dry tobacco and comforting musk, \$17-25.

• **Chanel's Egoïste (for men):** Rich rose paired with



masculine notes of peppery spices and dry woods, \$103.

• **Paco Rabanne's 1 million (for men):** Romantic rose with spicy cinnamon, vibrant orange, rich leather, and deep woods, \$66-\$88.

FRUITY

Fruit for winter — dark, lush fruits prevail over citrus

and tropical

scent of summer. "Notes of dark cherries, blackberries or plums are great for those who don't like heady florals or prefer more natural and earthy scents," Hodgekins said.



Lee-Ann's picks:
• **Coco Figue by Comptoir Sud Pacifique:** A scrumptious mix of sweet fig, smooth vanilla and almond, \$44.

• **Vera Wang's Be Jeweled Rouge:** Juicy winter berries combined with nutty pralines, backed by comforting musk and woods, \$49.

• **Victoria Secret's Victoria:** Features two of this season's trends: Rose and ripe berries, \$52-\$68.

• **Ralph Lauren Polo Red (for men):** Festive cranberry mixed with warm amber, sweet saffron and rich coffee extract, \$78.

SPIRITED

The season's most interesting trend — spirits like sweet rum, smooth whisky or gin are delicately combined with smoky tobaccos, glowing ambers and other decadent delights.

"They're perfect for those who gravitate to more mature and sophisticated scents while also liking to try new things," Hodgekins said.



Lee-Ann's picks:
• **Carolina Herrera's 212 VIP:** Intoxicating combination of sweet rum, vanilla, and passion fruit, \$68.

• **Tom Ford's Tobacco Oud (for men):** Earthy oud wood mixed with bold tobacco, and smoky whisky, \$235.

From left to right: Chanel's Egoïste, \$103; Aerin Lauder's Evening Rose, \$125; Tom Ford's Tobacco Oud, \$235; Vera Wang's Be Jeweled, \$49.

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Talk about high-performance gadgets

Screen time. These smartphones have tons of features to please the tech wiz on your list

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Smartphones are a surefire way to light up a tech lover's eyes this holiday season. With so many to choose from, the only problem is deciding which one to buy. Here are some of the best performing smartphones and accessories for the techie on your list.



iPhone 6 Plus \$859 and up (no contract)

It's thin, it's light, and is now the largest member of the iPhone family. The extra large 5.7-inch screen gives plenty of real estate to get work done. Apple has upgraded the camera with an improved sensor, resulting in stunning photos, especially in low-light conditions. The addition of NFC ensures you'll be able to use Apple's new mobile payment system, Apple Pay, when it launches in Canada.

Samsung Galaxy Alpha \$699.95 (no contract)

It's the perfect smartphone for those who are fashion forward. This sleek, bold phone is less than 7 mm thick, making it one of the thinnest phones released by Samsung. The Alpha can sense when the battery is getting low and will turn off non-essential functions to conserve power.

LG G3 \$599.99 (no contract)

The first smartphone in Canada to have a screen with four times the resolution of HD displays. The LG G3 features a customizable on-screen keyboard to help you type faster, plus a camera that uses a laser to focus in the blink of an eye. Those concerned about privacy will enjoy Knock Code, which lets users secure their device by tapping an invisible pattern on screen.



Sony Xperia Z3 \$699.95 (no contract)

A smartphone for those who love photography. This waterproof and dust-resistant Android smartphone stands out from the crowd with its 20.7 MP camera and ability to shoot 4K video. On top of that, gamers who own a Playstation 4 can use the phone to take their gaming to another room with the PS Remote Play feature.

Nexus 6

\$749 and up (no contract)

Looking for a powerful smartphone with a super-sized screen? The Nexus 6 features a six-inch display and will be the first smartphone in Canada to run Android 5.0 Lollipop. Dual front-facing speakers create immersive sound, plus you can get six hours of use from only 15 minutes of charging.

Blackberry Passport \$750 (no contract)

It may look a little odd, but for those who prefer a physical keyboard on their smartphone, there's no better choice. The 4.5-inch touchscreen shows more characters per line than any other smartphone to make reading easier. The keyboard is also touch-enabled, so a simple swipe across the keys can scroll web pages and more.

Olloclip 4-in-1 lens \$69.99 and up

Cameras on smartphones are wonderful, but their fixed lenses create limitations. The

Olloclip allows you to get creative with your photos by adding fisheye, macro and wide-angles lenses.

V-Moda Vamp Verza \$598

Not happy with the quality of music on your smartphone? This unique case not only powers your device with its built-in battery, it also converts your music files into analog for a pure listening experience.

Clockwise from left: Sony Xperia Z3, \$699.95; LG G3, \$599.99; Olloclip lens \$69.99 and up; iPhone 6 Plus, \$859 and up; Nexus 6, from \$749.

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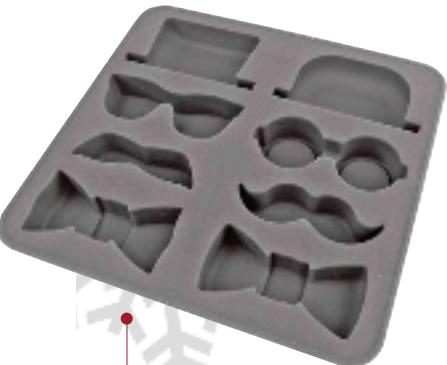
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Beer making kit, \$49.50, at Indigo, indigo.ca.



Shootout Gift Set, \$45, at Roots, roots.com.



Hockey Seat Pad, \$48, at Roots, roots.com.



Paddle Ball Set, \$35, at Roots, roots.com.



Record Player, \$69.99, at Marshalls, marshallsonline.com.



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Go big or go home

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**RICK
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For Metro

Chances are we all know someone who had their Christmas shopping done a month ago. They are organized, thrifty people, and while we might make contrite noises about following their example, chances are we never will, mostly because, deep in our hearts, we think their prudent approach to holiday shopping is not only smug and off-putting, but a subversive attack on the spirit of the season.

In a CIBC-Harris/Decima poll released last year, 69 per cent of Canadians admitted they hadn't finished their Christmas shopping four days before the holiday, while a further 22 per cent said they hadn't even started.

The Greek poet Pindar once wrote that "every gift which is given, even though it is small, is in reality great if it is given with affection."

But how much affection can there be in a gift ordered from a catalogue last January, stockpiled in the back of a closet without any idea who it was for, or sought out at sale prices?

A gift bought late is a gift bought after considerable thought. But there are people on our list who remain there until the eleventh hour because their wants are either modest or immense, or their good fortune and self-reliance means that they visibly lack nothing.

These people may be blessed, but when we're sprinting across a crowded mall parking lot hoping to find the last case of vintage Sauterne or hand-blown Nebbiolo wine glasses, we silently curse the day they entered our lives.

For most of us, the fallback gift for these people is a gift card. Today, they come in every



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brand and denomination, and can be bought in the checkout line at almost any drugstore or supermarket. But what if the unchecked name on your list is someone who wouldn't be satisfied with \$25 worth of iTunes downloads or just enough cash to buy an impact driver from Home Depot?

Starbucks unveiled a \$450 US stainless steel gift card last year, named the Starbucks Metal Card, which will get you

a lot of coffee but not a lot of envious looks from the folks in line who just want their latte before the last seat gets taken.

If we're honest with ourselves, we might be dragging our feet out of guilt, but nothing wipes away that feeling like a really extravagant gift. Raj Rajani, sales manager at Grand Touring Autos in Toronto, said that licensing and titles make it almost impossible to impulse buy a Jaguar, a Bentley, an As-

ton Martin, or a Range Rover from their showroom in the last hours of the 24th, but if you come in at least a day or two earlier, they will help arrange a really big surprise.

He said that parents buying for their kids will look at the Range Rover Evoque (\$75,000 and up), while husbands buying for their wives will go right to the Aston Martin Vantage (starts at \$140,000), the Bentley GTC (\$380,000 before options),

or the Jaguar F-type Coupe (starts at \$125,000), which is a big hit with older couples.

Sales staff at Grand Touring have oversized bows to gift-wrap the car, and will put on a little show for the spouse who gets dragged into the showroom "just to have a little look, honey."

Mostly, though, Rajani says that last-minute shoppers will take the keys home to put under the tree.

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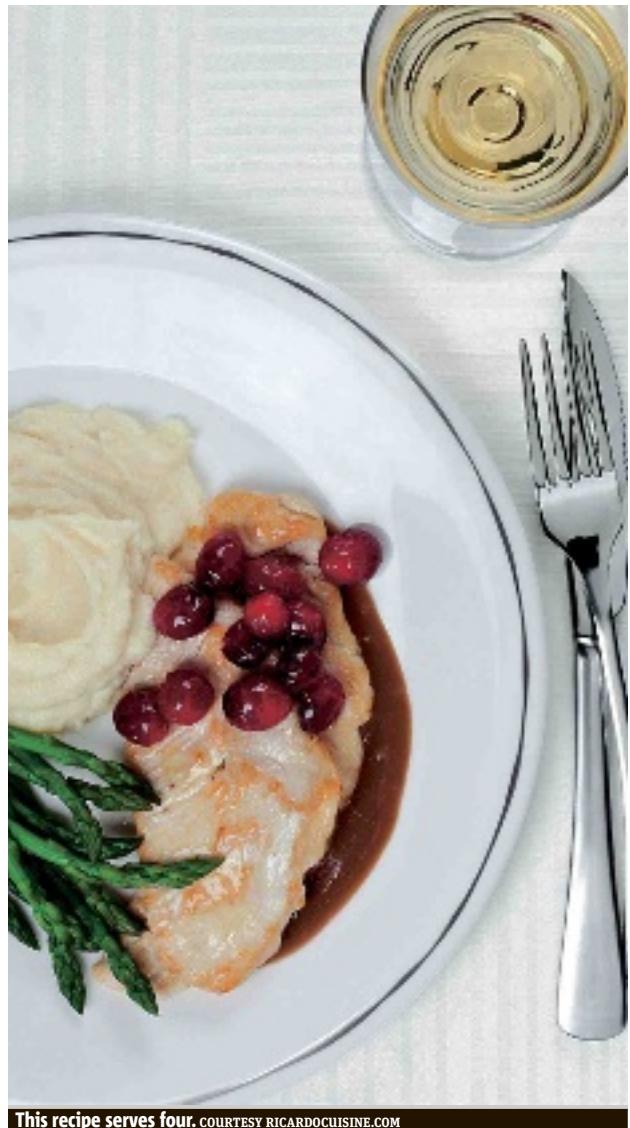
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This recipe serves four. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Turkey Cutlets with Parsnip Purée and Honeyed Cranberries.

This holiday dinner will impress the pickiest of eaters



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Surprise! The in-laws are coming over for dinner tonight!

Step 1: Do not panic. Step 2: Whip up this show-stopping recipe. Despite the fact that it looks, and tastes, like you've been at it all day, it comes together in about an hour.

Parsnip Purée

1. In a saucepan, soften the onion in half the butter. Add parsnips and milk and bring to a boil. Simmer, uncovered, about 20 minutes or until the parsnips are tender. Drain. In a food processor, purée until

Ingredients

Parsnip Purée

- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (57 g) butter
- 1 lb (454 g) parsnips, peeled and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) milk

Honeyed Cranberries

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) honey

smooth with remaining butter. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

Honeyed Cranberries

1. In a skillet, caramelize honey for 1 minute. Add cranberries and coat well. Continue cooking until cranberries begin to burst. Set aside.

Turkey

1. In skillet, brown the turkey cutlets on each side in half the butter until the meat is cooked. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside on a warm plate.

2. In same skillet, soften shallot in the remaining butter. Sprinkle with the flour and cook, stirring, until golden brown. Add the broth and sherry and bring to a boil, stirring with a whisk. Reduce by half. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with the parsnip purée, honeyed cranberries and a green vegetable. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED THIS SEPTEMBER!**

- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries

Turkey

- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) turkey cutlets
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 2 tbsp (18 g) all-purpose flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) beef broth
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) sherry

Liquid Assets

Complement a busy meal



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Short of using their juice to make a cosmopolitan cocktail, I've never had much love for cranberries.

While cranberry sauce may be a festive season staple, my palate finds its tart, tangy flavour unsettlingly dominant when it shares my holiday plate.

Typically a side dish, Ricardo's recipe this week is piled high with honeyed cranberry goodness, which makes it a perfect partner for a medium-bodied white wine like a Riesling.

As good as that sounds, I still prefer the big bird hitting my table covered in gravy and accompanied by an overabundance of veggies and a heaping helping of mushroom-laden dressing.

I reach for a Pinot Noir when it comes to a wine pairing for such a busy meal. A white wine lover's red, a good Pinot works with both the savoury and sweeter elements of any Christmas dinner.

New Zealand's Oyster Bay 2013 Marlborough

Pinot Noir (\$19.95 - \$21.99) is sustainably produced, with lip-smacking strawberry fruit, round earthy expression and long thick finish.

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Wow guests with minimalism

1. Blood Orange Reduction: In a saucepan, bring the orange juice, wine and honey to a boil. Reduce to about 1/3 cup (75 ml) of liquid. Add the oil and shallot. Season with salt and pep-

per. Keep warm.

2. Fish: In non-stick skillet, sear the fish in the oil on each side and cook until the desired doneness. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside on a warm plate.

3. In the same skillet, heat the sweet peas. Set aside on a warm plate. Warm the beets in the same skillet.

4. Place three beets slices, side by side, on each plate. Layer with the peas and place the



This recipe makes eight servings. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

fish atop the vegetables. Drizzle with the blood orange reduc-

tion and season with crushed pink peppercorn. **RICARDO**



Team Canada receives boost by adding Lazar

'Win-win' situation.

Sens allow young centre to play in world junior championship

Curtis Lazar is leaving the Ottawa Senators to play for Canada at the world junior championship, a decision those involved consider a "win-win."

The 19-year-old Lazar gets the experience of playing against the best junior players in the world, Canada gets a polished top-six forward and the Senators hope to benefit down the road from the development their top prospect gets from his second of these tournaments.

"He's going to play a more prominent role," Senators coach Dave Cameron said. "With us he's in the bottom six, playing a safe role. There he's going to be a go-to guy. That's a real world-class tournament on a huge stage, so all those factors are going to make him a better player."

Lazar was Ottawa's fourth-line centre averaging 12:45 a game, second-lowest on the team ahead of only Chris Neil. Wednesday night at the New Jersey Devils, Lazar skated 15 shifts for 8:30, his lowest totals of his rookie season.

Hockey Canada had discussions with the Senators this week about getting Lazar, but the organization didn't find out until Thursday morning that he'd be joining the world junior team. Understandably,



Curtis Lazar averages 12:45 of ice time each game as a fourth-line centre for the Senators. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Quoted

"He's obviously going to be a huge leader, if not the biggest leader on this team."

Connor McDavid on Curtis Lazar

those in charge of the team are thrilled to add Lazar to a group already favoured to

win gold on home ice.

"He is a big piece of the puzzle," said Scott Salmon, Hockey Canada's vice-president of hockey operations.

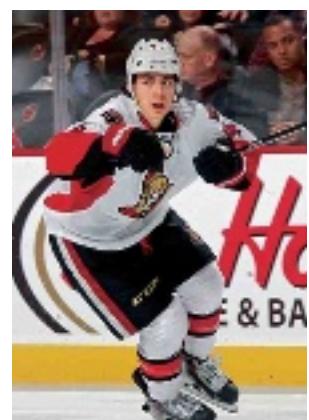
"He will come in here, hopefully with a lot of confidence and a lot of experience of having been here last year. We expect him to be a leader, and we expect he is going to give our group a boost."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Bittersweet' timing

Lazar called it "bittersweet" leaving the Senators in the middle of the season, especially considering the upheaval lately with the firing of Paul MacLean and the hiring of Cameron as coach. But he relishes the idea of becoming that "go-to-guy" at the world juniors.

- "The Ottawa Senators, I'm happy to be here, I love to be here and I feel I'm going to have a long, healthy career here with them," said Lazar, who has a goal and six assists this season. "Two weeks it's not going to make that much of a difference."



Jean-Gabriel Pageau will fill a void as the Senators' fourth-line centre as Curtis Lazar plays in the world junior championship. GETTY IMAGES

Pageau gets extended stay with Sens

Jean-Gabriel Pageau will be sticking with the Ottawa Senators for a little longer than expected since the team has decided to loan centre Curtis Lazar to the Canadian team for the world junior hockey championship.

Pageau, 22, was recalled from AHL Binghamton last Sunday due to an injury to Zack Smith. He has now been pencilled in as Lazar's replacement.

"I said it's a win-win," Senators coach Dave Cameron said Thursday. "What it's going to do is give us a real good

Plying his trade

18

In the minors this season, Pageau has 18 points (eight goals and 10 assists) in 25 games.

look at (Pageau). We think he's a guy in the organization that's done a lot of good in the American Hockey League. He was sent down after he was cut, which I'm sure was a major disappointment.

"We think he's an NHL

player so it's going to open up an opportunity for him to show what he can do and we feel that he can come in and provide the same role that Curtis was doing."

Pageau, who has played in 38 career NHL games, was most impressive during the Senators' playoff run in 2013 when he scored a hat trick in a first-round game against the Montreal Canadiens.

He played 28 games last season but didn't make the cut out of training camp this season. Senators general manager Bryan Murray said send-

ing Pageau to Binghamton was one of the toughest decisions the organization had to make.

Pageau just smiled when asked whether he or Lazar was happier about the world junior loan.

"I think we're both happy," he said.

"I don't know how long I was supposed to be here or what's going on with me, but for sure it's opened up a chance for me and an opportunity and I'll do my best to help the team and for sure I wish him the best."

THE CANADIAN PRESS



FIFA president Sepp Blatter
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Another crisis

FIFA execs scramble at Garcia's exit

Amid another crisis at FIFA, President Sepp Blatter will lead an executive committee meeting on Thursday with the sudden resignation of ethics prosecutor Michael Garcia now on the agenda.

Garcia quit Wednesday in protest over the handling of his World Cup bid investigation. His decision could increase the pressure on FIFA to publish the American lawyer's two-year, 430-page report on the votes that awarded the World Cup to Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022.

Only a very small circle within FIFA has seen the Garcia report. Continuing to sit on it will deepen suspicions that the body is woefully short on transparency and prefers to suppress wrongdoing rather than correct it.

Garcia's resignation on Wednesday was critical of FIFA's slow, tentative steps toward greater accountability, much ballyhooed by Blatter since his unopposed re-election in 2011.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Qatar far from fair work

43 to a room. Drivers crammed like sardines, critics warn of a 'two-tiered' labour system

Men are crammed together, dozens to a room, on bunk beds so close they can reach over and shake hands.

Qatar, on paper at least, has rules that forbid such uncomfortable conditions, yet this is how the government-owned transport company, which the Gulf nation will use to ferry visitors around the 2022 World Cup, has housed some of its workers.

As Qatar employs legions of migrants to build stadiums and other works for the football showcase, widespread labour abuses documented by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and other critics have blackened its name and \$160-billion preparations.

Hundreds of worker deaths, many apparently from cardiac arrests, have also fuelled concerns that labourers are being overworked in desert conditions and shoddily treated. Reporting this April on a fact-finding mission, the UN's special adviser on migrants' rights, François Crépeau, cited "anecdotal evidence that too many of these mostly young men return home in a coffin."

The Associated Press found problems aren't limited to the construction sector.

Accommodation for bus drivers and drivers of Qatar's

Close quarters

"Thanks for highlighting our plight ... Still, it is no decent way for workers to live but it's a step forward."

Mowasalat driver by email, after being transferred from a room crammed with 43 workers to another with 16, still on bunk beds.



Khalifa Stadium in Doha under renovation for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. Workers and human rights critics have been lambasting Qatar for labour conditions in the preparations for the event. STR/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

distinctive turquoise taxis is a walled-off compound in the bleak industrial zone of Doha, the capital. The compound walls and flag over the main gate bear the name Mowasalat. The transporter plans to have 7,000 taxis on the roads by the World Cup.

In one dormitory block, in what drivers said was meant to be a recreation room for table tennis and other pastimes, the

AP saw two dozen bunk beds in three tight lines.

Drivers said they had lived like this for months. Without lockers, they hung clothes and towels from bed frames. In a corner, one man gave another a shave.

Yet a 2005 ministerial decree said workers should not be housed more than four to a room or made to sleep in bunks.

Mowasalat did not reply to emailed questions. But it did appear to thin out numbers in the supposed "recreation" rooms after the AP showed a photo of the cramped conditions to Mowasalat executives. Drivers subsequently reached by phone said some of them

were moved to other rooms.

Qatar's World Cup organizers are trying to limit the reputational damage of labour abuses by treating their own workers better than the norm.

Officials for the Supreme Committee putting together the World Cup gave the AP a tour of housing for stadium builders from Southeast Asia. They sleep three to a room, some with en-suite bathrooms, and on their own beds, not bunks, with curtains for additional privacy. They even have a pool. In the free canteen, workers heaped their plates with rice, flatbreads and curries.

However, to critics, singling out World Cup workers for better treatment smacks of double standards. They want deeper, across-the-board reforms for all.

Even at the stadium builders' facility, not all are treated equally.

A Kenyan security guard there complained to the AP that six sleep in his small room, on bunks. Supreme Committee officials said the man isn't directly employed by them, but by a subcontractor.

"Putting in place a two-tier labour system, which is what they are talking about, is not much of a legacy," said Nicholas McGeehan, a Middle East researcher for Human Rights Watch.

"I don't think it's something that we should accept," McGeehan said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sucart. A-Rod cousin's trial postponed to April

A federal judge has delayed the performance-enhancing drugs trial of Yuri Sucart, cousin to Yankees' star Alex Rodriguez. Sucart faces charges stemming from dealings with the clinic that illegally provided performance-enhancing drugs to baseball players.

U.S. District Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga postponed the trial from Feb. 9 to April 6, the day the Yankees open at home against Toronto. Sucart's lawyer said in a court filing that his client has serious health

problems and can't fully participate in his defence. Prosecutors say Rodriguez would be a witness at Sucart's trial.

Sucart is charged with conspiracy and distribution of testosterone and human growth hormone to MLB players and other athletes through the Biogenesis of America clinic operated by Anthony Bosch.

Rodriguez served a season-long suspension this year for violations of the drug program and baseball's labour contract. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Offensive postings

Banned Balotelli to miss Arsenal

Liverpool striker Mario Balotelli is banned from Sunday's match against Arsenal as the FA on Thursday imposed a one-match ban and a fine of 25,000 pounds (\$40,000).

Balotelli uploaded on Instagram a picture of video-game character Super Mario, also the Italy international's nickname, with text saying "jumps like a black man and grabs coins like a Jew."

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CFL

Riders, Foley sign extension deal

The Saskatchewan Roughriders have locked up another veteran member of their defensive core, signing defensive end Ricky Foley to a contract extension Thursday.

The move comes a week after the Riders re-signed all-star defensive tackle Tearrius George.

Foley matched a career high last season with 12 sacks while adding 54 defensive tackles.

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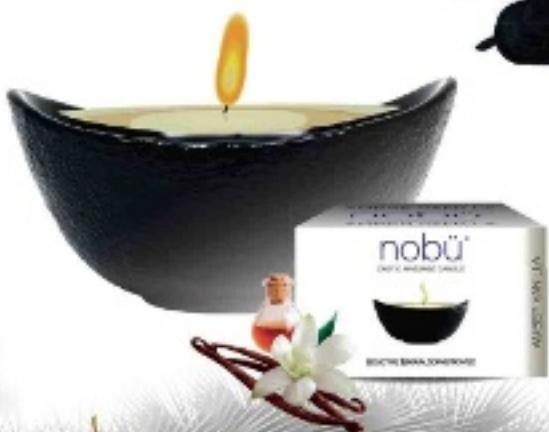
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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

Aries

March 21 - April 20

In trying to find a solution to one problem, don't create several more. If you are not certain you know what you are doing, wait until Monday's new moon gives you a pointer.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You will help those who need it today but there is a danger that you will rescue someone who will expect you to help them every time they get in trouble.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You will be torn between conflicting duties today and whichever one you choose to prioritize someone is not going to like it. Forget everyone else and put your own needs first.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You will be impulsive today and if you make it through to the weekend without emotional drama you will be very lucky.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Someone in a position of authority will demand that you do things you don't want to do. Go along with what they want but start making plans to put some distance between you.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Someone will get on your nerves today and if you make it through to the weekend without losing your cool you will have done very well. They don't really mean to irk you.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you go after your target too directly or too forcefully today you may find it eludes you. You've got to bide your time and wait for the right moment.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

A loved one will demand you spend more time with them today. This is one of those occasions when if you're nice to them now they will be even nicer to you later.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Friends may not be as supportive as you would like them to be but don't let that stop you from pursuing your goals. You don't need anyone to endorse your ambition.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may think that certain people have got it in for you but more likely it's your imagination. According to the planets you have nothing at all to fear.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If someone you have feelings for spends more time with others than with you today, don't get uptight. Maybe they are trying to make you jealous.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

You can use your power to force someone to do your bidding today, or you can use your charm to persuade them to cooperate. The latter will be less problematic.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

- Clever
- Dogs: "Gimme yer..." offerings
- Become energized: 2 wds.
- UK toilet
- Everly Brothers: "Wake Up Little __"
- Employee's request
- Yukon/Alaska river; or, Quilly creature
- CC-138 Twin __ (RCAF search and rescue aircraft)
- Half-a-cardigan garments
- R's followers
- Sleeve
- Tchaikovsky's 1892 ballet at #31-Down is based on the 1816 tale of this German author, ___. Hoffmann (b.1776 - d.1822)
- A-bomb's 'A'
- "__ voyage!"
- James __ (Co-writer of Broadway musical Hair)
- Pineapple: French
- Approx.
- Led Zeppelin's Robert
- Brutal
- Illinois city, briefly
- Dr. Melissa __ (Medical Expert on CBC's "Steven and Chris")
- Parisian pal

Down

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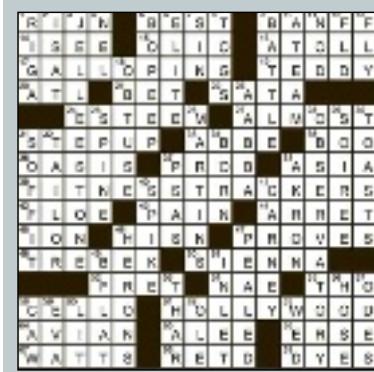
- Literary monogram
- Canadian actor Mr. Reeves
- diving
- Crime fighter
- Rita Hayworth's 1953 title biblical role
- German-built car
- __ card (Grades-lister)
- Blazing

- Renaissance painter, __ Angelico
- Hawaiian fish
- NBA's 'A', briefly
- Pants
- Hawaiian island
- Slick-spilling ship: 2 wds.
- Awakened
- E-Mail: Multiple-people-sending
- Toronto summer

- hrs.
- Tale
- Idol alum Ms. Clarkson, et al.
- Cape Town's home [acronym]
- The __ (Famous mountains)
- Winnie-the-What?
- Relentless, as rain
- Bitty Beagles

- "__ recall..."
- Sir __ Churchill Square, in downtown Edmonton
- Tend: 2 wds.
- Quebec's is known as the 'Fleur-de-lis': 2 wds.
- Feed
- Pocket bread
- Conniver
- Curls-from-a-box

Yesterday's Crossword



Online

See today's answers at
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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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